

calculating how many jobs have been created? Would administrative positions be figured into that mix? Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, I believe that the administrative positions would be figured in, and any other position. In other words, it is a project, and all jobs at that project are counted in, and that's why, for instance, on this, on the particular project we are using as the focused example, we are talking about 1,600 jobs at \$50,000 average per year compensation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, I don't want my time to run out. So here's what happens when you talk about averages, you are not talking about any real person necessarily. You divide whatever the total is by the number of objects, persons, or whatever, and then whatever the answer is, you say that's the average, although not one of those items would be fit by what...would fit what you come out with as an answer. So like, Senator Brashear, if we had Lazarus, who had nothing, and the rich man had a million dollars, their average worth is \$500,000, although one has everything, and the other has nothing. So when you have these high-paying jobs and you figure that the average is supposed to be 20,000, that doesn't mean you have that number of employees each making \$20,000. When you give these big shots these big bonuses, if they happen to be in some of those jobs, that will add up to however many positions dividing that salary by based on \$20,000. This idea of average is a funny thing. Madam President, you said the other day that French was a class you didn't like too well. Well, I've never had French, and not being versed in French, I didn't know how to pronounce it, and probably still don't. So when I saw the two words, one was spelled m-a-i, the other o-u-i, they translate, "but, yes," and they are pronounced "may we" but I pronounce them "may owee" and I wondered why when I spoke French people who speak French laughed and didn't understand what I was saying, but I understood French when I spoke it. So when people try to go beyond what they know, sometimes they wind up being taken advantage of, and I want to use this little example to show you what average means and how misleading it can be. This typical American went to Paris first time in his life, and he was loud and boisterous, and when the French people would look at him because he was so raucous, he couldn't understand that they were looking with disapproval. He thought they were admiring him, and he was dressed like Herb Tarleck (phonetic), from WKRP.