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that we've lost, we'd still be behind, actually, behind the curve. So I guess my only thoughts are, and for whatever they're worth, I'm just trying to give you the idea that's been expressed to me that that kind of situation and the way to sell this kind of an issue to the public is on the basis of how we'd actually be being paid had we, in fact, followed that format. I don't think that's such a bad idea if we want to really bring the message to the people. I only really indicate this because one...the number double came up, it almost like this is unbelievable. I mean, certain people have said to me, I can't believe that you, in fact, want to double your...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...salary. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. The speaking order is Senator Price, Matzke, Coordsen, Bromm, Chambers, Wickersham, and Cudaback. Senator Price.

SENATOR PRICE: Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the body, I also have visited with people and people have felt very free to call me and tell me about doubling our salary, and I know how unpopular it is when our compatriots in Washington, DC, meet in an evening and substantially increase their substantial salaries. When I tell people how much we get, how much my salary is when I take it home at the end of the month and I have had my health insurance deducted from this, people believe that we have all of the benefits, including health insurance, it is...it's a small amount of money. But, of course, coming from 14 years on the Lincoln School Board, where I had the salary of a satisfaction of a job well-done, hey, this is...this is quite an amount of money that I'm taking home and banking each month. But when I look around at my...the fellows out here in the body, my fellow board...my fellow senators, and I'm looking at the people that own their own businesses and are the sole bread winner in their family, this is a burden on them but, yet, it has to be dedication for them. And I do believe that we will have to do good education of the public because the taxpayer is going to go to the ballot and, as they get ready to mark that box "yes" or "no", they're going to say, and what has that body done for me this past year in order to want to increase their