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something innovative and I had then said if we always do what we always did, we'll always get what we always got, and that will be low salaries. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Bohlke, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments.

**SENATOR BOHLKE:** Thank you, Mr. President and members. The committee amendments go to the issue of partly who serves on the task force, and we've had some discussion as to who those individuals should be. And as you look down the list, you will see that the committee amendments replace the original section and the task force would then have the chairperson of the Education Committee, the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee, the chairperson of the Revenue Committee, a teachers' organization representative, an association of school boards, an association of school administrators, and a teacher from a district with a very sparse group, a teacher from a district in the sparse cost group, and one from the standard cost group. A teacher from a district on the standard cost group with 900 students or more. What we were trying to do there was to get a broad range of school districts that would be represented because there may be different issues. Certainly if you look at the salaries that are paid in those different school districts, you see a wide range, so we thought it was important to have a perspective from teachers in the very small districts to the largest districts and to make sure that that would happen. We had heard some concern that there were not enough business people on it, but I would point out we then have one, two, three, four teachers, but we then have a business community representative, a benefits consultant which would be a business representative, a Goals 2000 community organization representative. That happens to be a business representative, so we have three business representatives. A Nebraska tax policy research organization representative which that person would be much like the business representative in looking at the impact that this may have on tax policy. And we offered a Governor's Policy Research Office recognizing that certainly we need to work closely with the Governor's Office and someone from their Policy Research. So we have tried very hard to make sure that we have a representative group. I do have an amendment coming up that expands one more time the number of people on