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in Nebraska?

SENATOR STUHR: I don't know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you heard people complain about the fact that Nebraska's tax rates are higher than the rates in surrounding states? Have you heard that complaint made?

SENATOR STUHR: I've heard that particularly in regards to property tax.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Stuhr, if Nebraska has a higher tax rate, it means that citizens have lesser money in their pockets than the citizens in these other states. So if the tax rates in Nebraska are higher, why should we raise the fees to the level found in states where the tax rates are not as high? In other words, where citizens have more money of their own to spend. That's a rhetorical question. Let me ask you this question. What is the relative standard of living in these states, compared to that in Nebraska? In other words, does it cost more for other things in these states than it does in Nebraska?

SENATOR STUHR: I would say it is probably comparable. But the big difference is, they are getting additional general fund money to...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, here's what I mean. Does it cost more to rent an apartment in these other states than it does in Nebraska?

SENATOR STUHR: It depends on the city, the area that you would live in each of those states.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think the rate of pay is higher for people in these states than it is in Nebraska?

SENATOR STUHR: Some people would say yes, but I'm not sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But we really don't know, do we?

SENATOR STUHR: No.