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SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR MAXWELL: ...in 1990?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yeah, prior to that.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Yeah, I can tell you that the fiscal year before, state aid, what we called state aid back then, was \$134 million, and then the first year after we adopted LB 1059 it jumped to \$313 million, and it's been growing ever since at double or triple the inflation rate. It's \$661 million in this fiscal year.

SENATOR JENSEN: So we are currently growing at double or triple the inflation rate.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Correct. Now, in the budget before us, we're going to arbitrarily squash that down for a couple years, but then it's going to zoom back up by 24 percent and 13 percent in the out years.

SENATOR JENSEN: And how many school districts do we have at the current time in Nebraska?

SENATOR MAXWELL: Senator, it's 500-plus. I'm not sure of the exact number.

SENATOR JENSEN: Closer to 600-plus, I believe, isn't it? No, it's...

SENATOR MAXWELL: I don't think so, but I won't quibble with you.

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, okay. I do find it...do you happen to know where the state of Nebraska stands in teacher pay?

SENATOR MAXWELL: I'm sorry, I didn't hear you, Senator.

SENATOR JENSEN: Where do we stand in the payment that we render to our teachers in comparison with the United States? Do you