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can, but whether all 48 of us would agree with that one at a time, I'm not sure. If that's what is behind Senator Beutler's thought, that we would have our standards here that would be defined in here by a commission that we'd adopt, perhaps I would be listening to more discussion on that, if that's the purpose. I didn't recognize that as a purpose it was introduced. not know what you testified in the committee hearing, Senator Beutler. By the same token, I'm also not willing to go outside the constitution at this point. I would say that we have what we call a populist constitution in this state, when it was drafted over 100 years ago. I still sense that the people of Nebraska want the kind of constitution we have, and they want control of what our salaries should be. Whether that's right or wrong, that's what they feel. I think going to a commission for outside setting has not worked...has not been accepted in the past when it's brought up. I, myself, am not willing to go there at this point. I'm going to be cautious here. I don't want to be taking shots at other organizations that have been setting their salaries. But I think it's serious. And I think. you know, to serve in here, you should have somewhat of a passion. And when you lose that passion, you lose your effectiveness. And I think that should be part to want to serve in government. And maybe that's altruistic for too many people. I know not everyone agrees with that. But when I'm not sure. we're here, we're here to serve our fellow man, to do the best we can, to set laws in reflection of a society at the time. We're here to serve our thoughts and our judgment, necessarily to directly reflect what our constituents think, but what we think is the best way that government should move forward. And so I don't know that the most intelligent people, quote, in the world will be the best representatives in a democracy, or whether it's those that are intense, focused, serious, studious and, yes, intelligent, too. But simply saying the case that more salary will bring in higher-minded, more intelligent, sharper individuals, I'm not sure is necessarily If I can philosophize a minute, it isn't always the high school graduates that graduate at the top of the class that make the biggest mark in the world. So I think there's some philosophical things that could probably be fleshed out in more time here than we're doing today. And so at this point, I would oppose Senator Beutler's proposal. Thank you.