

we didn't. And if we're going to do things the way Iowa and Missouri and Colorado and South Dakota do it, let's just get rid of all the bills we've got right now pending and let's look at what the other states are doing and let's just introduce the bills that will put us in line with the states surrounding them. Evidently they have more expertise than the 49 of us here in this state. The bill they say will gradually increase it 5 percent, these salaries. Again, I would remind you, even in private enterprise employees are not guaranteed an automatic increase in salary every year and God knows, our state employees have not had that guarantee. They've had it taken away from them sometimes. School people are paid more. I was dumbfounded when I read it. Lincoln Public Schools Superintendent, \$70,900; University of Nebraska President, \$87,000, but no mention is made of the extra perks that the president gets, the house he lives in and I believe he is also furnished with a car. The Lincoln Chief of Police, almost \$49,000 a year. Maybe we need to cut some of the aid to the cities that keep saying they need help if they can afford those kind of salaries. Hospital administrators are paid whopping sums. That probably explains part of the high cost of going to a hospital. Again and again and again I have to ask this question because Senator Landis and Senator Withem keep saying, you've got to raise the salaries to attract good people. I submit to you, if that is what attracts someone to be a governor or a treasurer or any other type of elected official, if salary is the first and only consideration, God help the people of this state. And the salary as I pointed out for the Governor is already far and above \$40,000 a year. And because previous legislatures have made the mistake of paying such high salaries to the presidents and the chancellors of our university, why should we copy those mistakes of the past and carry them on into the future? I'm a little disappointed in my good friend who sits behind me, Senator Withem, when he said it is easy to give speeches and to oppose this kind of legislation, especially in an election year. I took that as a direct finger pointing at me since I am running for Governor, but I would have to remind Senator Withem who was not here in '81 or '82 that Marge Higgins opposed the Governor's increases then vehemently. It's an implication that I am doing this only to get the vote of the people. It is an implication that my reasons are false. I just want to say that what I said in 1981 and 1982 still goes. As long as you want to keep telling the people you're going to cut the budget and tell