

projected as a possible national candidate so you want him to dress like these Easterners.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How is he going to do it on this poor salary? It is out of the question. He cannot buy a car of his own to share with somebody who may mean something to him on this nothing salary unless again he is going to scale his sights down to where mine are and drive a Honda, which you don't want for your Governor. So I think that we need to increase these salaries and offer what we think should be given to those who are required to assume the responsibilities of these offices. If you've got a Cadillac office and you pay Volkswagen wages and you get somebody who does a Volkswagen job, then you can't be distressed. Money really does not determine the value of a person, but there is a correlation, and should be, between what a person is required to do and the compensation they receive. That's why I don't object to Tom Osborne getting \$83,000 a year which is more than the Governor because Nebraskans feel football is more important than good government.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Vard Johnson, then Senator Hall.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I will support LB 43. I think that the remarks that I'm going to make are very similar to those that Senator Chambers made, although maybe not so vainglorious. I think that we do live in a society, we do live in a society that is materialistic in nature and in our society we tend to provide high compensation to those individuals that we believe are undertaking meaningful work for us. There tends to be a relationship between our perception of meaningful work and the kind of compensation that we provide. Now, that's not totally true. Obviously you and I can think of areas where that relationship does to hold, for example, in the area of religious practitioners. I think that by and large we have compensated our ministers and our rabbis at a fairly modest level and, of course, our priests are compensated at a poverty level because they are clearly marching to a different drummer. But in the rest of society we tend to provide respectable compensation commensurate with the kinds of responsibilities that we feel the individuals are carrying out that we see or we perceive as