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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: So they would have to supply the Department of Revenue with....why didn't you put any administrative guidelines in the bill?

SENATOR KELLY: Make that more specific, Senator.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Who is going to be responsible for finding out who all the men, women and children in the state are? Where they are and how are they going to do that? I don't think the Department of Health has those figures. Why would they?

SENATOR KELLY: The operation or the administration of this section of the statute is obviously the responsibility of the Department of Revenue.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Okay. What kind of resources do they have to administer it? They currently don't now keep records on every person in the state of Nebraska. Right?

SENATOR KELLY: No but I would certainly say that they have ninety-five percent of them.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Have they informed you of that?

SENATOR KELLY: No.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: You simply haven't considered it?

SENATOR KELLY: I had conversations with the Department of Revenue yesterday. And as we've discussed this amendment on the floor and I have suggested amendment changes from them and all of this hour and one half discussion, at no time was there any problem in discussing this will Bill Peters and his assistants. There is nothing even considered about administrative problems in refunding this money.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Did he show you that he could administer your amendment?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, I would say that that would be correct.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Okay, I have no further questions.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am opposed to this amendment and anyother amendment except with the possibility of returning restaurants to the tax roles. I do feel that a tax on food is morally indefensible. But in speaking to Senator Kelly's motion, he stated that one million five hundred thousand people would receive this refund. I contacted the Department of Revenue and the fact which hasn't been discussed yet is the cost of each warrant for these refunds. That cost is \$3. If you multiply one million five hundred thousand by \$3, you come up with four million five hundred thousand dollars which is going to be spent merely on the warrants. That is the cost of administration. Suppose that you returned \$15 to each citizen in the state and it roughly equals the amount the people pay in taxes on food. Where would you get any overage that the four million five hundred thousand dollars would