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obligation and responsibility any longer. The responsibility for protection of the public has shifted and, therefore, the department is no longer in the position to handle that responsibility.

SENATOR BEUTLER: On this handout, Senator Schmit, for example, it says hotels and motels. Then it says LB 487 with the amendments no longer license at the state level except for fire safety. They are then licensed at some other level?

SENATOR SCHMIT: They are licensed at the local level, Senator, by the cities. The local ordinances cover that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So we have been having a double licensing requirement for all these different types of entities here?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, but for many years the local level has taken care of that inspection process.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is there any facility for which we are doing away with licensing completely?

SENATOR SCHMIT: None.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and this net savings that is down here, \$100,000, does that mean we can reduce...that their budget can be reduced by \$100,000?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, we are going to slip in \$50,000 for pseudorabies, Senator Beutler, if we can, so we won't save quite the \$100,000.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is that in the bill, also?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is coming next, 487A. We like to give it to you little pieces at a time so we can kind of confuse you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Was there any opposition to this bill at the public hearing, Senator Schmit?

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, there was no opposition. There was strong support, principally from the people who were in the industry both from Lincoln and Omaha.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Schmit, you may close.