

don't think so.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, would Senator Schmit again respond to a question?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR COORDSEN: I think most of the questions that I had related to the cost of administering this program, but I see from the fiscal note that this is hopefully an extension of an expiring natural heritage program. During the course of the testimony on this particular bill was there any mention made, Senator Schmit, of the number of acres that are enrolled in the natural heritage program or an estimate on the part of the testifiers as to the amount of area that they would think we might be having to look after in the future?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well I believe, Senator Coordsen, if my memory serves me correctly and I have the identification properly, we were told there were approximately 141,000 acres nationwide and I believe, again, it was 31 states in which this property was located, not, of course, as you can understand an earth-shaking amount. And so their interest is, of course, in trying to encourage the addition of property to the register and I concur with that, but at the present time there is not a substantial amount of land included in this area.

SENATOR COORDSEN: That is in Nebraska.

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, that is nationwide, in Nebraska there is less.

SENATOR COORDSEN: I understood the nationwide estimate. My question I would rephrase, with if there was any indication given in testimony of the amount that was included within the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR SCHMIT: If there was, Senator, I might have...I missed it. I can't tell you exactly the amount of land that had been included within the state.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay, thank you.