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SENATOR PIRSCH: This is through the Crime Commission, equipment is administered.

SENATOR HABERMAN: So all the counties in the State of Nebraska then...

SENATOR PIRSCH: There would be no cost to the county.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...it will not cost...it will not cost them anything.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Right, um-huh. The initial big cost is already done.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I see where you go to include felon arrests, felony arrests?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Um-huh.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Isn't that pretty serious?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, of course, you know we don't make that determination. Some felons are not violent criminals.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Haberman. We have two more lights on. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Wesely. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is a bill that I was very much opposed to in the committee. And I was not there when the vote was taken, or it wouldn't have been on consent calendar because there would have been a no vote. The equipment is produced by a certain company, and Sarpy County has it. Naturally, the company is interested in pushing its product. Judge Reagan was there and he discussed it, and I told him how degrading I thought the particular device was that he was recommending as a means to surveil people electronically. And I compared it to a day coming when they would perhaps take a thick, leather belt that would be put around the neck and it would have metal studs in it, and from that could be emitted an electrical shock to make sure that these people are where they should be at the time they should be there and behave the way these people who send them there want. These kind of bills