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SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford, followed by Senators Chambers, Moore and Scofield.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President and colleagues, actually there are three AFIS systems in the United States and they do not all interface, however, the federal government has given these three companies two years to interface, so it seems to me that that isn't really part of the problem. I rise to support the AFIS system. In the State of Nebraska we use a ten-card file, ten-print file, and to find a fingerprint is all but impossible unless that person happens to live in the locality of the arrest or where the latent was found. If you're like I am, I've gotten all my information about police detection from the television and if you find a fingerprint, boy, you've got that killer nailed. Well, that isn't true in Nebraska. They look at a latent fingerprint and if it isn't something easily found in their own area, it's of no good to them at all. Not only that, but this new system will be used for communication all over the state. There will be three areas, one in North Platte, one in Lincoln and one in Omaha. I cannot help but feel with a population as small as the State of Nebraska and the area as large as we have, it would be much to our advantage to have any type tool for law enforcement that we could possibly find to use. And I realize this is very expensive, but it takes a long time to get it in place and I feel that starting this year is something that we really should do, and I hope you will support this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, if Senator Arlene Nelson would release Senator Rod Johnson for a second, I would like to ask him a question. Senator Johnson, yes, as Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, can you tell me what are aphids?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: No, I can't.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Aphids? A-p-h-i-d-s.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Chinch bugs, right...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and are they wholesome or do people try to get rid of them.