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SENATOR R. JOHNSON: They probably try and get rid of them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, why do we need aphids in law enforcement? Senator Goodrich, I'd like to ask you a question.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Goodrich, is the aphids program you said?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, A-F-I-S, Automatic Fingerprint Identification System.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, it's an acronym. Let me ask you a question. On your sheet that you handed us, you mentioned on...well, in the second paragraph on page 1, that in 1988 over 6,500 latent fingerprints were found at crime scenes in Nebraska. Are you telling us that all of those crimes remain unsolved? Is that what the statistic tells us, that with AFIS all of them would have been solved?

SENATOR GOODRICH: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that what you're saying?

SENATOR GOODRICH: No, because there is no way in the world that we can say that the whole 6,500 would have been solved.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now in situations where there have been fingerprints found at crime scenes, has it been a fact that the fingerprint found always belonged to the ultimate perpetrator?

SENATOR GOODRICH: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are prints the most essential element in the solving of a majority of the crimes that are solved?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Not the most, but one of the most.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, on page 2, I see that you tail-gated on this issue of drugs which is the buzz word for politicians this