

the system and would be willing to work with Senator Haberman if the body decided they wanted to move forward on this to do so. A couple of thoughts, however, and I'd ask Senator Haberman's response, I guess. This focuses on the southwest area of the state. The problems that we have had in the system are not only in southwest Nebraska. They are statewide. If there is a problem in southwest Nebraska, I can assure you it is elsewhere in the state, and I think for \$50,000 we should be able to examine the whole system and understand its impact everywhere in Nebraska. I think that is enough money that we should be able to get the staff to do that. So, first off, I wonder if we couldn't change this so that it would be a statewide focus, obviously, looking at the particular concerns in southwest Nebraska but not ignoring the rest of the state. And, secondly, there is a special committee created and, obviously, the Health and Human Services Committee has jurisdiction over this area and has looked at this area and a special committee, I'm not sure who would be involved and how that would be handled and I would be concerned about how that would work in conjunction with the Standing Committee that now has jurisdiction over the area. But with those two caveats, I can...I certainly would be cooperative in trying to work with Senator Haberman on the issue and I guess I would ask him to yield if he would be willing to answer the question about whether or not he would be willing to amend this so that the whole state would be examined and not just southwest Nebraska.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman, would you respond?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, I will. Senator Wesely, I would not be interested in making this a statewide whatever you want to call it for the \$50,000. I have written your office two letters pertaining to these issues. I have not received a reply. I explained these issues to you in letters. No reply. So I have taken it upon myself. Let's look at southwest Nebraska if it's bad. Then I will join you on the whole state. We have a different problem out there, Senator Wesely. We have what we call windshield time. You know what windshield time is?

SENATOR WESELY: I think he has answered my question and we're on my time. I would like to take it back...

SENATOR HABERMAN: That's a time zone change.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you very much, Senator Haberman.