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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Every state does. Now, what is the purpose of extracting dues from lawyers? What does that money go to pay for?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Well it pays for organization, systematization, executive leadership, probably lobbying.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does it pay for officials of the bar to take trips to conferences and other activities?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I'm sorry, would you repeat the question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does it help underwrite the costs incurred by leadership, or whatever term is used to designate those who control the bar, to go to various conferences and activities associated with the legal profession?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: It may in part, certainly, but many people serve at their own expense or substantially at their own expense.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But does it pay travel expenses, lodging and those kinds of things associated with traveling? Aren't those fees...aren't those costs paid for from money that the Bar Association derives from the dues of lawyers?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Chambers, I can't tell you they never are. I can't speak personally, but I can assure you that it's not universal.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When visiting dignitaries associated with...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...other bar groups around the country come to Nebraska, don't they have their expenses picked up at hotels and motels and wherever else they stay?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I'm sure in some instances they do. I mean that's just standard operating procedure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now what among the generalizations that I made, unless you're going to mention something Senator Withem said, have I made what you think are untrue and not based in