

comp will come down from the federal government in the form of block grants with the understanding that the states will have an electronic benefits transfer system in place. So I imagine that by that time Nebraska will be ready and will be able to implement an electronic benefits program and I would appreciate your support of this part of this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Wehrbein, your light was on from the last amendment, did you wish to address? Senator Wehrbein waives off. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President. I guess I would ask Senator Bohlke. How much will this study cost? Do you have any idea?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I don't think that it's going to cost very much money to study going to this statewide. There's a lot of information and, in fact, a number of business people have looked at this situation, there's a lot of information already at hand, Senator Wesely. And so I don't think it will...

SENATOR WESELY: It won't cost any more than the other study that we just approved, right?

SENATOR BOHLKE: No, it won't.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, that's all I wanted to know.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I don't think it will be a very high cost at all.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, that's all I needed to know. Sounds like a good idea. Thank you.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Mr. Speaker and members, Senator Wesely, I can answer some of your questions and I think your concerns about the EBT system. It will not take very long to implement this on the retail level. As you know, if you go to the supermarkets today where most of the...most of the food stamps are...are able to take them, why you will find that they all have a credit card machine now and it's my understanding that this machine