

will...the EBT cards that they...the welfare or the food stamp people get will be similar to a credit card. And they're all set up now. I would say 90 percent of the grocery stores in Nebraska have a system like this in place and if they don't have, grocers are quick to catch onto things and they will have that in there. They will much rather use this system than they would the food stamps. I was very much against the cash out, the food stamps as an alternative is the best way. But, as technology progresses, I'm sure that the Welfare Department will know that this will be a much easier, take away the fraud that we have associated with food stamps now and it will be very easy to operate. You put the card in and if you've used all of your money, it will show up just like your credit card does now. It will go tilt, you don't have any money left. Or it will tell you how much money you have in your account and you can put some stuff back on the shelf and go up to that...to what you have left in your account. And I...I'm very much in favor of this. I think this will work great. It won't take long for...to implement it and you will see that it will save some money in the long run. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I just have one question and I guess it would be...Senator Bohlke is not here. Maybe Ray can answer me, the question that I have.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Janssen, would you respond?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator, the only question I have is obviously I think you recognize some of the very small grocery stores probably don't have this capability and I guess my question is, how are they going to adapt if that's the only system they have? Is there going to be some way? In other words, they're either going to have to put it in or they're not going to be able to do business with the food stamp people who have the stamps. Is that correct?

SENATOR JANSSEN: I would imagine, because they won't have both, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I would assume it would be kind of silly to do