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SENATOR DIERKS: Well, no...

SENATOR HILGERT: ...I mean, you know, if I'm the member of the public that wants this information in a timely, relevant manner, how do I get it from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, and how do they get their information from the packers?

SENATOR DIERKS: The method of transferring this information will be done by rule and regulation. We're not putting that in statute, because these things can change over time. I suspect that they'll use fax or.... I don't think they'll be using Pony Express, like they would have a few years ago, so....

SENATOR HILGERT: (Laugh.) Well, beings my family is from St. Joe, I appreciate that analogy. But \$200,000, is that enough to cover all the extra personnel and so forth? We have...are reconsidering a centralized computer system for child support, in the Judiciary Committee, which will probably get out of committee. And it's going to take a few more cents than \$200,000. And since cattle alone outnumber the population in this state six to one, you're talking about a lot of information, it would seem, Senator Dierks. And I'm just wondering, how much confidence do you have that \$200,000, we'll be able to computerize and get everything ready, hire all the new personnel, all the fax machines or whatever they need, and also make sure that all this information is compiled and organized in a timely manner for the public who wants this information and needs this information?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well you have to remember, there are only probably four, maybe five institutions in Nebraska that would be making these reports. And so it isn't as overwhelming as it might seem.

SENATOR HILGERT: Um-huh.

SENATOR DIERKS: And I don't believe it will...I don't have any problem with the 200,000, I think that will take care of it very nicely.