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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...during this extended discussion. Senator Wickersham, what kind of accounting system or monitoring system is built into this act to make sure that people who sign the paper saying they're from another state really are from another state?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: There's a board that's created, and the board is charged with creating an auditing process.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How do you think they're going to do that?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Exactly how they'll do the audit is not specified in the language, to my recollection there's simply a directive that they provide for...that they conduct audits.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, let's say, before we get to their auditing, isn't it true that the only people who can be counted are those who are from outside of Nebraska?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How do you determine this? Will everybody who is there have to sign, under oath, a statement that they're from outside of Nebraska, or what?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator, I'm not sure if they would be required to certify that under oath, although I assume that would be a possibility. My speculation is that the operators of the facility would be quite anxious to be able to substantiate their claims for dollars and would create a system that met the audit requirements in order to verify the subsidy, if you will, or the assistance that they would be entitled to receive.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now they're not allowed to estimate, they have to give hard numbers in this bill.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, they're going to have to have some way to record the individual people who show up, if they're to be counted.