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SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I didn't.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Wishful thinking. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to comment about Senator Schmitt's suggestion that maybe we put the letter designating the county, use the first letter of that county. But if you're from Holt or from Hooker County, they don't know whether you're a Holt or a Hooker, so an "H" wouldn't work. Dakota, Dodge, or Douglas, three "D's", and then there's Banner and Buffalo, so there are too many counties that would have the same first letter. I think the approach that's being taken now is the one that ought to be retained, and I'd strongly support the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I wanted to follow up on a couple questions Senator Janssen had asked me and also Senator Beutler had stepped over, and one of the things, and Senator Kristensen and I were talking on the side about this, that is very significant is the savings of cost of storage, and I have a...I have a breakdown of figures here. In Douglas County alone, this is phenomenal, the savings of personnel cost, as a result of this bill, is estimated to be \$37,440; storage savings, \$415,710. That's a total of \$453,150 per year savings in Douglas County, and a lot of...most of that is because of savings in storage. Lancaster County estimated savings of \$50,000 in personnel and \$288,000 in storage, or a total annual savings of \$338,000, and that is one of the things I think should be mentioned in responding to phone calls. People want lower taxes. They want us to cut costs. That's a significant savings. Sarpy County yearly savings would be roughly \$65,000. In those three counties, that makes \$856,350 of savings primarily in storage because the state will not send all the plates out. The state will absorb and will be holding the plates or not making them until they're ordered, so that will alleviate the storage crunch that comes now. And so that is...that's a significant thing. The other thing, people seem