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amendments, but in committee I made these remarks that one day I was visiting the Health and Human Services Department and they were trying to go through some of these food stamp paper vouchers that had been washed in a pocket, and it was very hard for them to figure out how much in money these people had in order to reimburse them. And so with this card, this swipe card, this is sure going to make it much more convenient, plus then the privacy will be respected, because everyone in the checkout line can look and see who is peeling out coupons and paying for their food stamps, for their groceries, they're looking at what they bought compared to what you bought and then they mutter when change is given to the customer. When individuals need food stamp assistance, even just for a short while, I do believe that their privacy should be respected and they should be able to maintain their dignity. And then one thing I like about this proposal is that the...there will be a swipe machine at every checkout lane, it won't be again to where the recipient has to go to a specific lane, which again violates their privacy and is rather discriminating. And so I urge support of this bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I just want to again stand up and...in support of this bill. State of Nebraska puts out, every year, about \$96 million in food stamps, and we do that in a rather small office, over in the old Gold's Building. And here in Nebraska we've been very, very fortunate in that we've had very little fraud in attempt of food stamps. Certain states in the south have had much greater problems. But this will, I think, eliminate that, it will also eliminate the fact of either them getting lost or stolen or anything else in the mail; everything goes on a swipe card. I think it is much better. And I think also it might even alleviate the situation of a person going into a store who's on food stamps and yet is...feels bad that they are not of a higher income that they can pay direct cash. And so they're using a card that's very similar to everyone else's credit card. And so with that in mind, I think they can use those with still dignity for those individuals who have to have food stamps to get by. I think it's a good solution. The federal government, of course, is requiring us to do this. But even besides that, I think it's a