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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Absurd.

SENATOR STUHR: ...but I don't know exactly what's all included in the retail sales. We would have to find out what that breakdown is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And this shows that figures like that don't mean anything. You had mentioned, though, in connection with that, economic development in rural areas when you spoke earlier. Do you remember that?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that 200...is any...what percentage of that \$230 million has been infused into the rural economy, where much of this hunting takes place?

SENATOR STUHR: I would say a great deal, when you think of the lodging, the meals that are included.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then why...why are the rural people putting up such a pitiful mouth about how depressed the economy is in the rural areas when they're getting a sizeable chunk of \$230 million a year? I understand that stores are closing in rural areas, and I understand that some of these big chains are putting little stores out of business. Let me ask you this. Do you think Kmart or Wal-Mart sells in Nebraska \$230 million worth of hunting related gear?

SENATOR STUHR: Probably not, but Cabela's might.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Two hundred thirty million dollars a year.

SENATOR STUHR: I mean not entirely, but we have a very, very large merchandiser that is actually headquartered in Sidney, Nebraska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's all I'll ask you on that, Senator Stuhr. Thank you. Members of the Legislature, we get figures that have no meaning whatsoever because they have no realistic connection to the reality that we're discussing. I don't