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approximately, across this country. Some have less sales tax on food, for example. Others have...or it varies within states. So I think with computer programmers, programs, software, we probably can solve that. But my memory says someone told me, maybe Senator Pederson told me, is there a \$200 million loss? Senator Landis, is there an estimate on this today? Do you have an estimate on what we're losing...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Is that a question, Senator?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...in tax, sales tax, on Internet sales...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...and catalog sales? Is that a little high?

SENATOR LANDIS: I'll look. I don't know. I'll ask.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Someone told me this morning there was an article on the radio this morning, or an item on the radio this morning, that it could be as high as \$200 million. It used to be \$20, ten years ago. I remember Revenue Chairman...now my memory is starting to fade. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Our current estimate, which comes from a study at the University of Tennessee, not local, is \$40 million this year.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: In Nebraska?

SENATOR LANDIS: In Nebraska. And by the year 2011 would be \$200 million.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's where the \$200 million came from.

SENATOR LANDIS: And that's where the growth comes, as more and more sales become distant Internet transactions.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Certainly we all know people that have said they've done all their Christmas shopping on the Internet. So part of this is, too, I think, respect for small town businesses