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of 93 counties in the state of Nebraska have had no growth since 1890. How many counties achieved their highest historical population in the 2000 census? Fourteen. The smallest of those 14 counties is Seward County, at 16,496 people, and clearly benefited from its proximity to Lincoln. Forty-one counties were dying during the 1990s, with more... my definition of dying... more deaths than births. Forty-one counties. In the 1990s, that we thought were so good, 41 have more deaths than births. Twenty-three of those counties also had negative net migration, meaning, the population is both dying off and moving away. Now, let's consider the impact of growth among our minority population. Fifty-seven thousand four hundred and fifty-six additional residents of Hispanic or Latino origin in the 2000 census; 155.4 percent increase among our Hispanic or Latino citizens. Forty-one thousand twenty-three increase in additional nonwhite, non-Hispanic minority residents. Total additional nonwhite population growth of 98,479 people, or 83.3 percent growth. Compare that to the total additional white population growth of only 34,399, or 2.4 percent increase.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Seventy-four percent of all population growth in Nebraska is accounted for by nonwhite Nebraskans. And 58 percent of that nonwhite growth is resident Hispanic or Latino people. There are some indications I pick up that we're saying, oh, we may not want this growth. And I'll run out of time, but let me begin to share. On the basis of our personal, per capita income, average income in the state of Nebraska of \$28,500, I ask those who don't openly, anxiously want this growth, how much of the \$2.8 billion that these salaries have brought to our economy, \$2.8 billion, would you like to give back? How much of the \$1,742 per year, per person, for state and local taxes, totaling \$171 million in additional...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...tax revenue would you like to give back?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. We're discussing the Bromm amendment, AM0927, to FA1206 to LB 608.