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SENATOR QUANDAHL: Well, I suppose there would be some responsibility. There is always going to be some responsibility on the part of the insurance company to go out and actually find the rightful heirs of the property. However, when the money is turned over to the state, I do believe that that does sever any trailing liability that the insurance company would have itself to actually find the heirs. Whether or not there would be people that would be entitled to that through wills or devises or for whatever reason as they were heirs, I don't know. I mean that would depend on the individual circumstances of each policyholder.

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Quandahl, could you again go through how this idea came about? You mentioned that it came about after the time for bill introductions had passed, but it was based on an audit. Now, was this an audit that the Treasurer had done of nondomestic insurance companies that had demutualized, or how did this come about?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Yes, and it's one of those things that the audits of the insurance companies...actually, the insurance companies have to make these reports on...well, let's face it, they have to make these reports, turn over these properties, and they would have to do it on that five-year time frame. What this does is it lowers it down to this two-year time frame and, just because of some of the demutualizations that have gone on in the last couple of years, that would I guess account for that \$10 million figure that I threw out that would be potentially out there that would be, I guess, payable to citizens of the state of Nebraska...

SENATOR BOURNE: Right.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: ...but, if unfound, would get paid to the Treasurer's Office. And so I don't want to take up all your time...

SENATOR BOURNE: Sure.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: ...but I do have some figures on the amount, the total amount, of unclaimed property that was paid into the