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SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise in support of not only the amendment, but the bill. And thinking about what this is asking for, it's just asking for a demonstration project. When I first saw this bill and was asked to sign onto it, I thought, this looks like a really cool bill. It's going to save some money, because we're going to bank the money right away. I had no idea that the checks coming in, the revenue coming into the state of Nebraska had the potential to sit on somebody's desk before it got in the bank. Would any of us operate a business like that? I think not. Now, we heard a lot of neutral testimony in our committee hearing that said, no, this doesn't happen. But I've heard from other sources that, yes, it does happen. If people go on vacation, sometimes it has happened. Our taxpayers deserve better. If we're going to be good stewards of the money that we are already getting in in the form of revenue, that is incumbent upon us to do that so that we don't have to raise taxes any more than what we already may have to do in this session. And I can appreciate Senator Connealy's concern about the cost. And I don't know, perhaps Senator Brown could respond to this. But an initial savings for the entire bill I think was was estimated around \$10,600,000. I'm not sure. If you would...could you yield to a question, please, on that?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Senator Combs, with the way we're proceeding on the demonstration project, I would be hard-pressed to...

SENATOR COMBS: Okay. Yeah, I'm sorry.

SENATOR BROWN: ...to put (inaudible)...

SENATOR COMBS: Probably not a fair question. But I think on the overall,...

SENATOR BROWN: It really...

SENATOR COMBS: ...with all (inaudible)...