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some extent, by Senator Hartnett. But being the practical person that I am, there is a source that I think could be looked at to determine whether a lot of old people are leaving Nebraska, and if so, can a date be established where a trend in that direction can be marked? I think you ought to go to the undertakers' statistics. You ought to see how many old people undertakers are burying. I have not read or heard any protest from any of them that they're burying fewer old people. So you could say old people are leaving Nebraska by way of "croakery." But I think Senator Brashear meant they were leaving before croaking. AC is not what he's interested in, but BC. BC, before croaking; AC, after croaking. I'd like to ask Senator Brashear a question, if he would respond.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield to a question, Senator Brashear, from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, my question relates to old people leaving Nebraska. And I had coined the terms AC and BC. AC is after croaking; BC is before croaking. After croaking means they depart by going into the ground; before croaking means they leave, of their own volition, the state itself. Which were you referring to when you said more old people are leaving Nebraska?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Oh, it's even more mystical than that, Senator Chambers. They're departing for the purpose of not paying us any tax, but they're croaking in Nebraska, if they want to. They can croak, at will, wherever they want to, and it's tax-free.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the carcass, the body, the res, r-e-s,...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: The res.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is remaining in Nebraska regardless?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: They can take their choice. They can leave it in Nebraska in the ground forever, and it doesn't even cost