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SENATOR KREMER: Right, I understand that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Louden has agreed to \$25,000,...

SENATOR KREMER: So it's coming...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and I'm going to try to stop him from getting that. But if he gets it, we don't know what it's going to be used for, including yourself; isn't that true?

SENATOR KREMER: That's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We're just giving it to the Ag Department on faith.

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, and some have more faith than others, I suppose.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But that's what it's based on, because there are no guidelines offered for what it should be spent; isn't that true?

SENATOR KREMER: That's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How far do you think...first of all, do you have any idea how many counties may decide to opt into this program?

SENATOR KREMER: I really don't, and it seems like it's a problem more in western Nebraska. I don't think there's any that I know of in the counties in my area, but I think there are two or three that it has become a pretty profound problem, that would use it. I don't look for a lot of them to do it, and I think it really would come from the citizens, as much as any, asking the counties to help them with the problem, if it got to be that extent.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much...how many counties do you think could benefit from this money, if the things that you mentioned would happen to turn out to be what it's used for--reimbursement to the counties, making vehicles available, and these other