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something that has been going on for years and it's about time that the state owned up to its responsibility and paid back what it owes. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I, too, stand in support of this amendment and thank Senator Stuthman for bringing it. The reason that I am supporting this override and will probably be the only override that I will be supporting is that it is in statute. It is an obligation of the state to pay this amount, and in the lean years we have not stood up to that obligation. If we do not want to pay it then we need to take it out of statute, but it is in statute. I was reading...and all of you probably received a copy of the Midwest legislative news brochure pamphlet that they send out every quarter or so. Today, it talked about financing schools. Of the eight or nine states, Nebraska was number one in local support, which means property tax, so that just more or less solidified my reasoning for supporting this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Mines. Senator Mines waives his opportunity to speak. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, what these people with these counties are talking about is a They played a political game with a former Governor to try to get tax...property tax relief in the county, and they played with the criminal justice system and played havoc. There used to be a provision in the law that would pay sheriffs a bounty or so much for every day that they fed meals to Native So what they would do is arrest one shortly before midnight, let him out shortly after midnight, and claim money for two meals when they had expended no money, and they were cleaning up. And that was known as the Indian bounty bill and it existed until I got to the Legislature and I cleaned it out. These counties, through their county attorney and other county officials, judges, determine how many days these people are going to be locked up, and this money runs from the time a