

whatever to get it in place, and that has been completed and so it is...it's a system set up. Interestingly enough, we were one of the few states to go ahead and do this and that is one of the main reasons why none of the other states or very few other states are even in a position to take advantage of this system as opposed to the other system.

SENATOR SMITH: All right, that leads me into some of my other questions. I have been having a lot of discussion with farm representatives and some letters and input and I want some clarification because I want to know that these things actually are true. And I am asking these questions because these are questions that they have posed to me and have said these are not happening. Okay, the first question that I have then regarding the system itself is, is the central index system in place in all counties in Nebraska?

SENATOR DECAMP: It is my understanding that that is correct and the system has officially been turned over to the Secretary of State and so the answer would be yes. Unless anybody would have any information to the contrary, the answer is yes and it has officially been certified to the Secretary of State and I think about all the Rod Johnson amendment does is allow the Secretary of State to certify it to the feds under the federal law that it exists.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, and then a question that was repeatedly asked me is, will this amendment increase the state's liability because of the requirement for them to gather the information to disseminate it?

SENATOR DECAMP: It is my understanding and again it is my understanding and you can verify this with any host of attorneys you want, there is no "increase" in state liability. You have the existing laws, tort claims laws, all those things, but there is no "increase" in state liability as such.

SENATOR SMITH: All right, and then my final question is, will, according to one letter that I have here, it is saying that this is going to impact in a lot of increase in costs and I am asking you if this transformation will create additional costs under the system that we are presently using just to meet the compliance that we are looking at here by the amendment?

SENATOR DECAMP: Could you say your question again?