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for general highway patrol purposes.

SENATOR KIME: I assure you he won't be for highway purposes.

SENATOR SNYDER: I said I want to support you all the way on this bill. I agree with your intent here. It was just a question as to whether he should be under the Department of Agriculture or more properly might be under the Highway Patrol with specific duties such as you have outlined in your bill.

SENATOR KIME: Yes, I see what you want. For years, the Stockgrowers Association have special deputies for west of the brand inspection line and their duty is inspection investigation of livestock theft. They are special deputy sheriffs out of the Governor's office but they are assigned to the Stockgrowers Association and that's where they work. That's the situation on these people.

SENATOR SNYDER: We have had experience in the state with this special type of a situation and it has worked out alright then.

SENATOR KIME: We have had for years.

SENATOR SNYDER: You've got my support.

SENATOR KIME: Yes. Thank you.

SPEAKER: The chair next recognizes Senator Barnett, then Stull, Kremer, Epke..

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Kime, I really don't like to stand up here and oppose you because you don't speak very often and when you do I am sure you've considered the bill quite sincerely. Are you planning on adding just one law enforcement officer for the Ag Department.

SENATOR KIME: As I understand it, there may be one or more. There may be two.

SENATOR BARNETT: I was going by the fiscal note that was attached to the bill for about \$16,000. I figured that's about one person. I didn't know whether it would be more than that.

SENATOR KIME: Sometimes it might be necessary to have two but I believe in our area the Stockgrowers have one principal investigator. If he needs more, he can have another one deputized.

SENATOR BARNETT: The problem I see with this is that you are going to open this up for every agency that's got any rules and regulations. The Health Department, the Welfare Department, and how about the people that they say are misrepresenting in the Welfare Department and in the roles of Welfare. Are they going to have somebody with arresting powers to go out and get them other than who we have now. You talk about cattle rustling. I don't think that this one individual is going to be able to stop much cattle rustling or anything or even follow it up on that. I think if you want to do something in the Ag area why don't we support some kind of an issue to beef up some of these sheriff departments and stuff like this where they are close to the problem.

SENATOR KIME: They don't seem to have the time. They can't.. a sheriff can't take off for two or three days and stay on a job. He can't sit on a suspect for night after night or day after day. He's got his own things to do in his office. He's got his civil affairs to take care of as well as his criminal affairs. One of these investigating agents can come there if there is a complaint in that county and he can spend a day or two days or a week on that particular job because that's his business.

SENATOR BARNETT: Are you saying then that in our State Patrol