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of Nebraska, how many counties in Nebraska today are under the brand?

SENATOR STULL: I can't tell you, it comes to just west of Grand Island. There's a good part of the western part of the state that....the Sand Hills area, that's in the brand area.

SENATOR KREMER: So, Senator Stull, not all of Nebraska is being serviced the brand committee or under brand inspection, is that right?

SENATOR STULL: Yes, their law enforcement covers the entire state, Senator Kremer. Now, I think they do inspect cattle or have some inspection of cattle that have brands....

SENATOR KREMER: But not in the brand area.....

SENATOR STULL: And if a person in eastern Nebraska has cattle stolen, they do come and try to recover them for you.

SENATOR KREMER: If they're branded.....

SNATOR STULL: Yes, so they do work in the entire area of the state and they could further justify this money even just in their law enforcement part of their budget.

SENATOR KREMER: But up to this date, the entire program has been financed by those that are in the brand area through the inspection fees, is this right?

SENATOR STULL: That is correct.

(End Belt #3)

(Begin Belt #4)

SENATOR KREMER: But since the entire state is serviced at least to a degree, you believe we're justified in spending money out of general fund to help promote this program, you feel we are justified?

SENATOR STULL: Well, I would feel that way. I would vote for this.

SENATOR KREMER: I'm not against it. I just wanted the information. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: It's in this order, Nore, Anderson and Johnson. Senator Nore, turn off your lights, please.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow members. I didn't know that the brand inspectors worked outside of the brand area but about two years ago, they saved a \$400 heifer for me. Found it in the feed yard 20 miles away and a man by the name of Middleton that lives at Aurora, Nebraska, in Senator Kremer's town or city, did the investigating. He was a special investigator and brought the critter back home to my pasture. So I would like to see the brand committee have some money to probably publicize in some of our county papers some of the brand laws. Now when Senator Paxton was here some years ago, he passed some very good brand laws and one of them is if you have a stray critter in your