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SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Murphy, looking at this from the point of view of a small elevator owner, now what happens if somebody comes in that he really doesn't know that well and wants to sell him some grain. Now if I understand this correctly, he gets on the phone and calls an office in Lincoln to find out whether or not there is an incumbrance against that grain. Is that correct?

SENATOR MURPHY: He would have two alternatives. He could check his local county if the man happened to be from the county and the recording would be there for growing crops but if the man was from out of county he could then call the office of the Secretary of State and no matter where the man is from there should be a dual filing, a copy of the filing that was made with the man's local county so that he would have access to that record no matter where the man was from, yes.

SENATOR VICKERS: And did I also understand you to say in answer to Senator Kahle a little bit ago that these records are being or these filings are being kept on record now at the Public Service Commission? Is that what...?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, sir. We started out a couple of years ago when we put in a Public Service Commission and required written mailings of inquiry and return. This will put it on the basis of being able to call in and get that information.

SENATOR VICKERS: In other words you are putting it in a different office. You are putting it on a computerized system so that they can answer telephone inquiries instead of mailing inquiries?

SENATOR MURPHY: This is true and it should not only expedite the procedure but lower the cost of having to respond in writing to inquiries.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you very much, Senator Murphy. I would support this 346 then and if Senator Murphy is, as he has answered questions for me, because I do understand that the small elevators in the State of Nebraska, particularly some of the small coop elevators had problems with this in the past and it seems to me that the ultimate loser under the provisions as it has been in the past has been the other farmers in the area if the elevator wound up losing some money as a result of it, so this makes a lot of sense to me and I would certainly support LB 346.