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There are at least four different types of radio systems in the state of Nebraska. Now, this is an attempt to utilize those, but to utilize them in such a fashion that everyone can talk to everyone else, regardless of the radio system. Is this a necessary expenditure? No, we can go back to two tomato cans and a tau ϵ string, if you want. But that's not the way to secure public safety. Senator Beutler points out that this is an expensive system. The reason that we have this system, was we were able to get people who were able to design a system that could utilize a lot of the material that's already in place. And as they renew their matter...their radio system, they can go to a higher band, and a higher band, through VHF/UHF/800 megahertz; actually 900 megahertz is available. This is the cheapest way we were able to come up with this. It is, to the best of my knowledge, the least sum proposed of any state. We're trying to do this on the cheap. But even on the cheap, we're talking about at least \$87 million over a 10-year period. And after that, there is an operating cost for each year. The state of Nebraska, and all its political subdivisions, is right now, paying for radio communication cost, and will continue to do so. Even though the systems that we have now, across the state, are inadequate for their purpose.

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: I think the question we have to address today is, does Senator Beutler have a better system, a cheaper system? And do we have to know, to the penny, how much we're going to spend? I will tell you that next year, and the year after, and every year thereafter, it's going to be a very, very small component of the state budget, but it fulfills a very, very important part of the state's obligations to its citizens. An obligation that it has to provide, among other things, public safety. It's the same as we have for roads, for water, for emergency management. This is a cost that we are assuming now. This is merely an adjunct to a better way to do it. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Tyson. (Visitors introduced.) Next on our list, Senator Wehrlein, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, I wasn't going to