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SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, Mr. President, just so I can fully understand the bill or which way we are going. Senator Nichol, would you yield to a question or two so I can...?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR DeCAMP: As I understand it, we need money. We need to fund or finance the operation of the center.

SENATOR NICHOL: That is right.

SENATOR DeCAMP: And the mechanism we are using is just tabbing a dollar on in this other area?

SENATOR NICHOL: Another dollar.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, but the money is going strictly for, is it Grand Island?

SENATOR NICHOL: That is right.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, now, then it is not going for the court as such or anything, it is going for actually financing something completely separate from the court?

SENATOR NICHOL: That is right.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, so it is not what you would call I guess "court costs" as such but it is money coming from the court but it is not court costs to fund the court?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, the money comes, when you pay a fine for speeding, for example, you pay one dollar now and you will pay two in the future, if the bill passes, and that two dollars goes into the state treasury and the state puts that money out directly to the financing of the training center at Grand Island.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, so it is kind of an additional penalty or fine on the offender in the criminal case to help finance the system?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, you could look at it that way, yes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay. Mr. President, that is kind of what I thought it was and I think Senator Nichol is describing it one hundred percent accurately, that it is kind of an additional penalty, fine, whatever you want to call it, for a purpose completely separate from the courts. Now at the time we originally did the first dollar, I raised some