

to adopt a five-year purchase plan to buy this particular system over a period of five years and also to pay the operating costs of this system each year which would be the three people in the Highway Patrol that would have to be added to run it, \$120,000 a year for the operating costs, \$921,000 a year for the annual purchase cost. After the five years it would just reduce to the operating costs. If we can use this system, for example, to identify a burglar or a murderer or anybody else, you know the rest of them, the people that are charged with these murders because of the fact that we've been able to identify their presence at the scene with the fingerprint system that now, for example, we may never be able to know, we've got the fingerprint and we can't identify...who it belongs to, but if we can have this system to tie this fingerprint to an individual, prove he was there at the scene of the crime, get a lot more confessions that way as opposed to six-month trials, year and a half trials, that sort of thing, we can shorten up the criminal processing of cases, reduce the caseload of the court system and any number of benefits that we could enjoy as a result of being able to shorten up the prosecution procedure for the criminal element of the...this vicinity of the State of Nebraska. This particular thing, this particular tool, rather, will almost marry every police department, police agency in the State of Nebraska together with tremendous intercommunication, intercooperation and, in essence, give all of the police departments across the state an equal footing on identification of burglars, murderers, rapists, anything else in their community. It's for that reason that I'm saying let's adopt this thing. The Governor put it in her budget and for reasons I'm sure we will hear, the Budget Committee has seen fit to not do it this particular year and I am suggesting that, granted, it's some money, but so is the lives of the people of the State of Nebraska. Those are precious. Stopping burglars in the State of Nebraska is precious. Stopping murderers, rapists, everything else, get those people convicted and off the streets, that's the sort of thing that we can go down in the history of the State of Nebraska as a law and order type of Legislature and it's for that reason that I am saying let's adopt this motion and put this system back in the budget. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Goodrich amendment, Senator Scofield, followed by Senators Nelson, Warner and Langford.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Goodrich