

have talked about and included last year when we set the biennial budget or we should come back next year and as you build another two-year budget, at that point in time you put in the funds for this all important Automatic Fingerprint Identification System. So with that, I don't question the merit of it, but I question the timing and urge the body to defeat Senator Goodrich's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. Now I'm really scared because I'm going to quote Scott Moore. Don't question the merit of this expenditure, question the timing. That's a very good line. Some of you came over and asked me to repeat the cost of this system. That's the main reason the committee rejected it at this point. To use a popular phrase, read my lips, this thing is really expensive and it should come in in the first year of a budget. The AFIS system requires \$921,000 per year for five years, almost a million dollars for five years. It requires in addition to the purchase \$120,000 per year for operating costs and \$150,000 per year for a maintenance contract on the system. That's an expensive system. I think it can wait a year. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senators Langford and Chambers.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, just a couple of comments. Number one, not everything that might benefit North Platte is something I'm going to support and this will be one of those, so at least I want to be on record on that. Probably if all three of the things could have been North Platte, I might have, but since we're only going to get one of the three I can't do that. But in all seriousness, this is one where again I would have to agree certainly with what the Appropriations Committee has come forward because we have, when you figure all of the spending that will go in per year, we're about \$1.1 million a year that this amendment would cost for five years. And it's going to be similar to the military industrial complex in Washington, for example, when you get on a B-2 program or a B-1 program in the past, and we're going to spend X amount of money for a period of time and then the movement comes up that maybe we can't afford it and the argument will come next year or the year afterwards, mark my words is what would happen, well, gee, we've already