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bought the second one 10 years later under Governor Charles Thone. That piece of equipment, partly due to good maintenance, partly due to appreciation, is worth more money today than we gave for it when it was purchased. Now a million dollars is a lot of money and I don't argue that it is not, but I want to point out that, given the nature of things, that piece of equipment will also appreciate, very frankly, and it is probably one of the few pieces of equipment we buy in law enforcement that does hold its value. It is a very excellent piece of equipment. It is an excellent assistance to law enforcement. It is excellent to assist the Nebraska patrol and the cities and the counties in the war against drugs and certainly I think it would be most helpful to their operation. There are a number of cities and entities along the coast who have confiscated this kind of equipment because it's used in the traffic in drugs. Unfortunately, here in Nebraska we do not have that kind of activity so the patrol cannot confiscate one, so they've got to go out and buy it. But I want to point out once again that I believe that the million dollars spent here, just as the million dollars that I proposed a year ago for overtime which today is in the Governor's budget and which is going to be spent by this body, is a wise investment and ought to be considered as a deterrent to criminal activity and which in the long run will reduce our cost insofar as incarceration of felons is concerned. I ask you to support the amendment.

SENATOR LABEDZ PRESIDING

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Schmit. We're voting on Senator Schmit's amendment to LB 1031. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please vote. We're voting on the amendment to LB 1031. Have you all voted? Please vote. We're voting on Senator Schmit's amendment to LB 1031. Mr. Clerk, record.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 4 nays, Madam President, on the amendment.

SENATOR LABEDZ: The amendment fails. Do you have anything to read in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I do, Madam President. Amendments to be printed. Senator Warner to LR 239CA; and from Senator Lynch to LB 1221. (See pages 1381-83 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, new resolution, LR 297, by Senator Haberman.