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SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Schmitt, could you respond to just a real quick question?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: The amendment that you just...that we just adopted dealt with an area that I had a question about, so I wanted to see if it was adopted before I asked the question relative to it says "may offer these services at no cost". Now, that wouldn't prohibit anybody from charging for these services, though, would it?

SENATOR SCHMITT: Whereabouts are you on that, Senator Maurstad?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Well, line 5, page 3, excuse me, or page 5, line 1.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Oh, on the amendment, where it says "free charge" and insert "at no cost"?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yeah.

SENATOR SCHMITT: That was just a wording technicality, I guess.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: And I understand that. It says...now it says they may provide these services at no cost. They could, however, charge for the services, correct?

SENATOR SCHMITT: I suppose they could, yes.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Do they not now?

SENATOR SCHMITT: I don't believe they do. They do at the training center. But with this particular bill, if several counties or departments wanted to go together and they have a qualified instructor, they could consolidate and do this by several departments.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. My concern, and obviously isn't a monumental one, but I guess we talk about that they...I guess it struck me that we had to put in there that they may do this at no cost, but we weren't considered at to what cost they could do