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that's been thrown around, Senator Beutler, but, in all...in all honesty, I don't think we really know. That figure may be based on what some other state or states have spent, but until we get this next step done and we have an analysis by a qualified consultant and we have some possible proposals to consider, we really don't know. And so it will be expensive, however. I think that goes without question, but does that mean that we shouldn't take this step; that we shouldn't spend the \$608,000 over the next two years? And, of course, this will come down and have to be weighed against other demanding bills as we get closer to the end of the session, but I certainly think this bill deserves to be in the mix. It deserves to be considered as one of the candidates for funding. We always say here that in order of priorities nothing really exceeds the priority of health and human safety, and that's really what this is all about. This is all about people being able to respond to a crisis situation, cities and counties being able to help each other out, to communicate with each other and to be secure in those communications, and to provide more of a coordinated process as we head into the next century when communications will change, probably at a more rapid rate than they have in this century. But I think with this...with this process, we'll be able to respond to those changes in a more practical and a more businesslike fashion than we have in the past. Some of you may know that we have some rather sophisticated communication systems in a couple of the counties in the state, Sarpy County for one, Buffalo County for another. My understanding is...and Lincoln has a very modern communication system. My understanding is that those three very up-to-date, very modern, very effective communication systems are not able to communicate with each other, and that should not be. You know, I...if we're going to invest these kinds of dollars and our political subdivisions are going to and our State Patrol is going to oversee the entire police operation throughout the state, we need to coordinate this communication and this is a...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...a large step in that direction. So I encourage the body to adopt this amendment, support the Wehrbein amendment. I would encourage the body eventually to advance the bill so it's in the mix for consideration for your dollars as we