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get closer to the end of the session. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. For discussion on the Wehrbein amendment, Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members, I wasn't sure whether I wanted to speak on the Wehrbein amendment or whether I wanted to speak to the bill, but I guess maybe I'll speak to both of them at the same time. The thing I question on this, and maybe somebody has some answers, but in law enforcement, in experience in law enforcement, there was a time when the State Patrol and the sheriffs and the police departments couldn't talk back and forth between each other. Well, by upgrading equipment between the two, it was made available and they could. Then, for whatever reason, some of the police departments, some of the sheriff departments, whether it was jealousy or whether they just wanted new equipment, bought new equipment. You was back to the same thing. You could not communicate with each other again. So then they upgraded the equipment so it was available again. And here you're talking about a wireless communication system and you're talking about security. Anytime that you put airwaves out over the air, whether it's your cell phone, whether it's your portable in your home, wherever it is, believe me, I can't do it but there's a lot of young people out here that can listen to your conversation because they know how. So I'm not sure that this is an issue. And I think one of the things that needs to really be looked at here, if you're going to spend these kind of dollars for communications, I think it needs to be made very clear that when this is put into place that your police departments, your sheriff departments, the State Patrol, whoever's involved will be able to cross-communicate with each other, and this hasn't been happening in the past. Whether it was, like I say, whether it was because of jealousy between departments or what it was, there has been problems before. So I just want you to know what has happened in the past on this, and this is a lot of dollars to upgrade if it's not going to solve the problem. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body.