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Senator Schmitt is precisely correct. The State Patrol began using radios in their cars in the 1940s. They went to a low-band frequency. As newer technology came on board, people bought the newest technology. That's where the four systems now come from. It's been an accumulation over almost, well, 45 or more years, 50 years. What the 800 megahertz system would do would be to provide the security that all of the law enforcement people that I talk to tells me they don't have now and they must have for their own safety and for their own efficiency. This is done in 800 megahertz and a multitrunk system by a computer switching frequencies in a way that cannot be tapped into, it's my understanding. Now don't look to me for technical expertise in the radio field. I have to spend 30-45 seconds looking for the "on" switch, but the people that have been brought in, and I would...I would direct your attention to the handout that Senator Bromm was kind enough to provide us and go down to Number III: A new state board is created to study a system (sic--solution) to the statewide need. It then tells about the advisory board, including representatives of everybody evidently except the NITC. I do not object to the inclusion of the NITC. All I asked Senator Wehrbein to tell me was what does the NITC bring to this at this time from a design standpoint, and we were interrupted by me talking too much. I will ask Senator Wehrbein exactly the same question so that he'll have an opportunity to respond.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, thank you. Well, I believe that it brings a broader perspective, which I think is very critical. One of the things that we've seen in many of the requests and actual funding over the years is good ideas in information technology, whether it be software, hardware, or whatever. What we...it isn't uncommon to find in a couple or three years that it wasn't really what the agency should have had. And we created the Information Technology Commission for this reason, to provide coordination, education, oversight, primarily coordination so that they can look at this in the broad perspective. I believe that it's important in this specific case, in this case it's law enforcement but it really doesn't make any difference to me what area it is that wants these, we have to have someone looking at it from a broad perspective, and