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that's what the NITC was set up for, so that there could be some outside ideas, some understanding, perhaps something's left out. It's simply brought to the attention of the unit so that they can look at all of these different things. And the other thing is that I think that I don't want to go down a slippery slope, so to speak, and start exempting others from this oversight, because that's what it's created for. We're spending a significant amount of money on it for expertise and staffing for this, and I think that we ought to stay within our original framework which we established a year ago and bring all of those users of this technology under this broad umbrella of coordination.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: ...thank you, Senator Wehrbein. The Bureau of Communication in Department of Administrative Services has broad powers now, but because I believe that this is such an important bill, if I had...Senator Wehrbein, if I had...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: ...any objections to your amendment, I'd still vote for it. I want this bill to go forward. I think that we have to answer a need that has been expressed to me as being very, very critical and it is time critical. There will be better systems down the road. When? I don't know. But I do know that we have to act to come up with a unified system which every agency in the state, whatever their nature, can plug into to the extent that they wish. Senator Schmitt was right. They need secure communication. They need communication, one from the other. An 800 megahertz system would allow anyone, say, from South Sioux City to communicate with Scottsbluff. We're looking for 90 percent coverage of the state. In...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Speaking order on the Wehrbein amendment is Wehrbein, Baker, Brown, Bromm. Senator Wehrbein waives off. Senator Baker.

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