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of us making the expenditures. And so I wanted to ask when they came before the committee, did they give to the committee a litany of examples of how property might have been less damaged, people might have been less injured, specific examples in Nebraska of how there would have been, in dollar terms or some...in personal terms, this enormous advantage, it would have prevented this body of damage that is well worth the money we're thinking about spending on this coordinated equipment?

SENATOR BROMM: Well, it's an excellent question. I think it's always hard to equate some of these things with dollar benefits. We're many times talking about lives, so many minutes when you have a heart attack before you need to be to the hospital or to have an EMT there. We had examples of a law enforcement agency entering a house in a search mission and the people in the house had been listening to their communications the entire time as they were getting ready to do that, because of the lack of security of their system. We were told about a high-speed chase where the only way the officers involved who were from two different law enforcement agencies could communicate was by holding up hand signals or written notes for each other to read. I mean those are probably...those don't happen every day, but those are examples of things that do happen when you can't effectively communicate between agencies. The need...they surveyed, this task force...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...surveyed all the agencies throughout the state and local political subdivisions, and if I use up your time I'll put my light on and give you some more, and they found a high responsiveness for need amongst not only state agencies, but local political subdivisions too, felt that there would be a definite great benefit of being able to more effectively communicate between themselves and use their resources to a greater extent when we have emergencies and fires and things like that. I...but I don't know how you put a dollar figure to that, Senator Beutler. It's life. It's a life question a lot of times.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is...is the question a matter of degree of investment too? I mean is there...are there alternatives here