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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will the Boy Scouts be one of these established programs?

SENATOR BRUNING: I don't know, I suppose if the state Board of Education decided they were. I think there are probably more...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BRUNING: ...focused groups.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you'd probably be okay, as long as you didn't have a wife who the Scout Master could get his hands on, huh?

SENATOR BRUNING: (Laugh)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, it's always difficult to oppose probably a good, new program. But I must rise to oppose this at this point, partly because I think the intent is to, whether it's going to be an amendment on the construction bill, which is the next one and...to take out \$950,000 for the weapons firing range and training component. And here we are on issues that obviously one is one issue, and one is another, and no one can argue that youth and kids are more important than many other things in life, particularly a training range. But to me we have to consider many of these things as a whole. And we have a current training range that needs to be replaced that's here in Lincoln. It's an environmental hazard. It's a safety hazard. So I am going to oppose taking that out, if that be the intent. Now Senator Bruning, my seatmate here hasn't said that that's his intent, but I think there may well be a connection. He can speak to that. But...so that's the second reason I am going to oppose the next amendment that takes it out of the construction bill, so you're clear. Back to this. I know the facts that Senator Bruning is presenting are probably accurate. And I'm not clear on what the Education Committee discussed, or didn't do, or didn't discuss in their committee as to why this did not come out of committee. I know Senator Bruning has worked hard on