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duck blind. It's got heat, it's got electricity, it's got everything you need to go hunt ducks, right. The Taj Mahal of duck blinds. Well, when I look at the \$950,000 that Senator Pedersen is trying to take out for a weapons training facility, I think that must be the Taj Mahal of weapons training facilities. What do you really need? I don't know if any of you ever shot a gun, but out in Tecumseh you can take a bulldozer, pile up dirt about 15 feet high, throw some targets on it, costs you \$50, get somebody to lend you their land, and shoot your guns off, if that's what you're looking for. Do we really need to spend \$950,000 on a weapons training facility? Strikes me as the Taj Mahal of weapons training facilities. And I'm sure they've got their good reasons, but there's one here in Lincoln that other organizations come to. And I just can't see why we need to spend that kind of money on that type of a resource. So, that's why I'm going to vote for Senator Pedersen's amendment to take it out, and that's why I think this is one of the things we ought to spend half as much money on, \$500,000. Let me tell you a little bit about mentoring, lest you question whether mentoring works. In a recent study public-private ventures provided evidence that mentoring programs do indeed improve the lives of young people. They chose eight local Big Brother, Big Sister agencies, used a couple of different criteria, I'll tell you about those. The kids in the study were between 10 and 16, 60 percent boys, 50 percent minority. And here's what they found out, after these kids had been mentored, 46 percent...these kids were 46 percent less likely to initiate drug use during the study period, that is when they have a mentor. Drug use equals prison. And remember what we said about prisons? Twenty-one grand a year to house one of these kids in a prison, 29 grand, Senator Thompson, to put them in juvenile incarceration, okay, as opposed to \$5,800 just to educate them in the schools. You keep them out of prison, out of juvenile incarceration, you save yourself more than 20,000 a year per kid, per kid, just by getting them a mentor, okay. They are 46 percent less likely to initiate drug use; 27 percent less likely to initiate alcohol use. Minority girls were about one-half as likely to initiate alcohol use. They were one-third less likely to hit someone, less likely to skip school, and on and on and on. Mentoring works. This is money well spent. You're going to save money in the long-run, you're going to save money because our prisons