

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office

May 4, 1999

LB 878

those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Wehrbein's amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is adopted. Next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment, Senator Dwite Pedersen has AM1517, but I have a note he wishes to withdraw.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Dwite Pedersen would move to amend with AM1634. (See amendment on page 1839 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Pedersen, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. My able-bodied staff, Ryan, was reading the...through the budget and the programs, and he and Barb came up with the...asking me what a weapons training center was. And when they showed me, I thought, you know, we should investigate this a little further. Weapons training center, under the new prison construction in Tecumseh, is in this budget for the sum of \$950,000. You already heard some about that already from Senator Bruning, when he was trying to get his amendment passed. The Department of Corrections already has a weapons training center, in fact the local Highway Patrol does their weapons training at that facility. They say or I've heard, I haven't talked to Corrections directly about this, that it needs some work. I think some work would be all right, but a new facility I do not see necessary. If there is a problem with where it's at, the vicinity, then go out and use...make a contract with Lincoln and use the range that they have at Air Park; the Lincoln Police have. Highway Patrol used that for a long time, too. Nine and a half...\$950 million, and that...\$950,000, excuse me, is another cost that doesn't need to be incurred. By supporting my amendment, it would put this money back in the General Fund, taking it out of the budget. And I know the administration doesn't support it, because administration told