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Both these people are saying \$950,000 is too much for a shooting range. Now I don't have any idea. I've never built a shooting range, and the only thing I've seen worth \$950,000 is Senator Engel's house, so I...I mean, it's probably, in my mind, too much money. And so I rise in support of the amendment. I think this is our chance to show that we're going to pare back this budget a little bit. We don't want to give the Governor a chance to say we're a bunch of free-spending crazies here. Here's our chance to pare back a bit.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bruning. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. If you will go to the town of Pierce, Nebraska, drive out the old Wausa road six miles, turn to the west, go a mile and a half, you will be at the Northeast Nebraska Shooting Association Range, a range that I helped to design and build. As a matter of fact, I caught this cold because we had club clean-up day Sunday and we were cleaning up some of the things we've shot up. We have 80 acres. We have running man, turning targets, pins, plates, Hogan's Alley, one trap range. We're building a second, what we call a veranda range. We have sporting clays. We have 22 rifle range. We have dueling trees, and we have a 100-yard rifle range. Counting just the cash we have spent, we have over \$155,000 invested in that range and we have done 100 percent of the work, roads, everything else. Nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars, I don't know if that's a good number or not, but I do know that the minute you say that one magic word "rifle", you increase your costs substantially. Hastings, Nebraska has a rifle range. Four thousand yards safety fan is required by the U.S. Army. It's one of the reasons that range isn't being used anymore. We used to shoot the big boar Nebraska championship there. We don't do that anymore. If you want to have baffles, you go to T-1 plate, very expensive to buy, very expensive to fabricate, very expensive to put up, and you use many tons of it. If you want to recover lead, and the EPA tells you that you must recover your lead now on a commercial range, get your checkbook out. These systems are available. They recover about 98-99 percent of the lead fired and they do it in the most expensive fashion. I don't know if