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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Tyson. (Visitors introduced.) Continued discussion on Amendment 1634, Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. Senator Wehrbein, could I ask you a question, please?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wehrbein, would you yield?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: When was the Appropriations Committee aware of the weapons training center?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I honestly cannot remember discussing it two years ago, Senator Pedersen, so it's a fairly recent event in terms of the range, because we probably didn't have a very thorough discussion on this. And remember also that some of this came out of Judiciary Committee a year ago. That's where the construction bill went on LB 150.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Members of the Legislature, if I could have your attention for a minute please. The form that I'm holding here in my hand is the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services 960-bed "multicustody" facility final report done by the Consulting Services, Inc., on September of 1997. This facility is a separate facility outside of the perimeter of the new prison. The problem I'm having with this is this facility was hid in the budget, and I don't know hid, but it was definitely...I don't want to be that acqui...pointing fingers, but it was something that nobody seen. Did any of you know that there was going to be a weapons training center at this new prison? No. But here it is: Additionally, a weapons range and training facility is also proposed and should be located outside the security perimeter. The budget for the weapons range and training facility is identified in Section 5. And Section 5 of this report says \$950,000. That's not a line item on your budget. That's not a line item on our budget. It's in the total cost. So I just wanted to bring that up to the body so you can take a