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Pedersen's amendment is at least raising the questions that need to be raised in this debate, and so I stand, because it's here, to add more of the discussion to get these answers.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Schmitt, on the Pedersen amendment to LB 878.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. President. I guess I have a question of Senator Wehrbein.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wehrbein, would you yield, please?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMITT: In dealing with this issue, Senator Wehrbein, has anybody, the Corrections facility or has anybody brought in any bids on one of these ranges or what really needs to be done to upgrade maybe the one at Grand Island or somewhere? Has anything been looked into that maybe would supplement or give us the advice that we need on whether we need to construct this new one or whether we can upgrade the ones that we have, and is this the cheapest we could build one that would meet the necessity of the Corrections?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Schmitt, I don't have all the answers to your questions. I do know that the one we have now is...that...out here in southwest Lincoln is an increasing safety problem...

SENATOR SCHMITT: Um-hum.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...and...

SENATOR SCHMITT: I understand that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...and I don't know...I do know that several, the Lincoln Police Department have theirs, Omaha has one, but most of them are not long rifle equipped and this one, one of