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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...spent for this....

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Your light is next. You can continue if you'd like.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. The big picture is that we had a very economic (inaudible) when we did this two years ago, 73.9 million. That was a very efficient unit. We have tilled up construction. There's many things in there that are state of the art. The whole prison was fairly efficiently constructed in program. It's not constructed but programmed. This is part of that. So I can only assume part of it here is that we've got some efficiencies built in already, so I don't know that we're throwing any money away at all. It's just that a training range is not something all of us are accustomed to and so it is a large cost, but I also assume that this is being built for another hundred years. So if we need it, we need it. Far as a shortcut, I don't know what it is.

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

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I just add a couple of things. Number one, I seem to recall, and perhaps some of the Omaha senators might recall this, the Omaha Police Department had a range by the airport. They shut it down when they were informed that they were getting bullet fall, 223 Remingtons, 5.56 Remingtons, in Council Bluffs. Those are not toys. They can cause considerable damage and they can fly a considerable distance. Now Senator Preister mentioned, I think, a very, very good thing to think about, and that is coordination across the state. If you think about that, you come to the conclusion that there has to be probably training sites across the state because it's cheaper to have many than a few, and it's cheaper not to build, it's cheaper to operate because it's a pay me now, pay me later process. The people that are going there for training will be on the clock. They will be traveling miles. Now, I seem to recall, and I don't know if Senator Pedersen is around here anywhere, but I think it's 88 miles to Grand Island from here. Is that about it? Okay, 88 miles. So let's say that's an hour and a half out, hour and a half back, your time there, all the rest, and there's a...we are blessed