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costs. This bill, LB 994, is placing the funding of the Law Enforcement Training Center and its activities on a different basis. They are allowed to set tuition and fees. If you look at page 6, or if you don't look at page 6, this is what is found starting in line 3. Among other things that the Law Enforcement Training Center can set... "Set the tuition for the training center and all officers of other training academies not employed by that training academy's agency. The tuition and fees set for the training center pursuant to this subdivision shall be adjusted annually pursuant to the training center budget approved by the Legislature." I am going to digress. This is a funding mechanism which was not formerly available. The tuition and fees can be adjusted each year to cover the cost of operating this activity. Continuing, "All other tuition and fees shall be set in order to cover the costs of administering sections 81-1401 to 81-1414. All tuition and fees shall be paid to the State Treasurer for credit to the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center Cash Fund." The center is being given the wherewithal to generate revenue. The revenue is going to be generated from those who are going to benefit from the services rendered by this agency. Being placed in a position, something like the Department of Roads is with the variable gas tax, to adjust tuition and fees to cover the cost of administering this law, there is no need for this \$2 to remain tacked on as court costs. I would like to ask Senator Dwite Pedersen a question or two, if I may.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Pedersen?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pedersen, is it true, as I stated on my handout that you and I discussed the fact that I was going to offer this amendment.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yes, it is, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you like to give your general reaction to it at this point?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: At this point, I don't like losing this money. I think the bill is important. We're talking about