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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Hartnett, on the Brashear amendment.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Dwite Pedersen, could I ask you a question?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR HARTNETT: You talk...there's two type of training, one at the training center and there's academics. How much is academics? How much training is done academically, do you know, "hourwise"?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I'm guessing at this, but I think about a third of their work, probably a little bit more than a third of it, is academics, which is offered now at the academy.

SENATOR HARTNETT: So that will...that will move from the academy.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: That will move from the academy into the colleges.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I see. So a third of...

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Which will free up enough time to give us somewhere in the neighborhood of about 25 percent more police officers going through the academy a year.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I guess I worked in academia and, you know, a full...about 124 hours is about a college, you know, degree. You say...what are we talking about, two years? We talking about half of that number?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I would say probably half that number, and I'm guessing at this, Senator, but the Crime Commission people are in the lobby.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I could ask that question.