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recommended that the most fair method would be to add \$1 to all motor vehicle registrations to pay for the plan. As we presented the plan, we changed the \$1 for life to 50 cents for life, to try to obviously make it as palatable as we possibly could. It obviously is going to stretch out over a period of time, a longer period of time, how we will fund the system. The previous administration proposed that in the 2000-2001 budget that they would ask for General Fund expenditures of \$3 million to pay for the capital expenditures associated with the funding mechanism. Obviously, because of a lot of circumstances, that was not included in the 2000-2001 budget. We felt that, because obviously people most affected by trauma were associated with motor vehicles, that it was a very appropriate place to go to motor vehicle registration, ask for this small amount of money in order to fund the system. We have approximately 1,800,000, nearly 1,900,000 vehicles registered in this state. That was a surprise to me. That's a couple hundred thousand more than we have people. I'd say we have a very affluent society. That would lead me to believe that, if we can afford 1,800,000 vehicles, we can afford 50 cents in increased motor vehicle registration to pay for a statewide trauma system. In asking for this, I understand that none of us like to increase taxes, fees in any way, but we haven't raised motor vehicle registration since 1974. We've been 26 years since we've done anything with this. There was a temporary increase of \$1.50, I'm not sure of what that was even for, apparently that sunsetted. So I just think this is extremely, extremely important. We know that motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of traumatic injury. We deal with ancillary subjects, traumatic brain injury and others associated with motor vehicle crashes. On an average, every Nebraskan is going to encounter an emergency medical situation at least once in their lives. Because of that, I think it's absolutely imperative that we have a system, an emergency trauma system, that works in this state. Of over 23,000 trauma runs every year in the state of Nebraska, over half of them are associated with automobiles. The funding as we have it set up now will raise just short of \$1 million, \$900,000-plus. Originally, with \$1 for life, we had intended those dollars to be expended over a four-year period, to pay for the communication infrastructure, to connect hospitals, ambulance services, local EMS, EMSC programs, to be able to provide the type of emergency trauma