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task force of people from across the state including counties and cities, public safety personnel, and law enforcement to try to develop LB 1211. This evolved into a RFP proposal which was issued in the summer of 2001 and two vendors responded to that RFP. I believe it was Raycom and Motorola. And, as stated in the RFP, the Department of Administrative Services and its consultant did not award a contract as yet, but has recommended one of those vendors to the interlocal agency that is established under LB 1211. Let me get to the meat of LB 1211 just a bit then. LB 1211 would allow for the creation of two interlocal agencies established under the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act, which all of you or some of you passed years ago before I was in this Legislature, and I think it's one of the more helpful and workable pieces of legislation that we have on the books. This Interlocal Cooperation Act allows for local entities to enter into agreements to accomplish common purposes and to cooperate both in personnel and financially to try to accomplish those purposes. Under LB 1211, one interlocal agency would include representatives from state and local governments to address the matters dealing with the management of the statewide wireless communication system. The other interlocal agency would be comprised only of local representatives who would work with the NIFA organization, the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, for the funding and the ownership of the statewide wireless communication system. Now, you'll recall that the state can't...we can't borrow money and issue bonds, therefore, for this purpose. So it's envisioned that this would be done through this Interlocal Cooperation Act and through the interlocal agency that is created under or authorized to be created under LB 1211. State representatives actually would not be represented on this interlocal agency due to the problems that I just described to you about the state issuing debt. That would create, perhaps, problems with the sale of the bonds if, in fact, bonds were sold by NIFA. The committee, I will wait for the committee amendments, perhaps, until we conclude the opening on the bill. Mr. President, I would share whatever time I have remaining, remaining on the opening, with Senator Tyson, if he would care to use it.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Tyson, you have approximately two minutes.