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more time with this particular recommendation, and hand it off to this group that I think represents some of the most dedicated people to the issue of juvenile justice in this state, and have them make a recommendation after they have had an opportunity to review the bill and the issues surrounding it that I think cloud the clarity of a decision that we should be making. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Thompson. On the Thompson amendment, Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. Senator Thompson's amendment, AM1505, basically kills the bill. So, of course, I'm not going to be supporting this amendment. And she mentioned that, you know, there's no hurry to get this done. The Governor has put \$10 million, when Senator Suttle mentioned we have been cheap and not putting any money into the program, \$10 million, we've never had anything even close to \$1 million, let alone \$10 million, that rides on this bill. It needs to be done, and needs to be done this year. I will not be supp...the study that basically AM1505 says to turn it back to the committee, this committee, and have them look at it, this has been done. This is not a "whim-flam" thing that happened overnight, this has been worked on for...since the Office of Juvenile Services has been there, it's been one step at a time. This has been a big step, it's just not ready for the step in the amendment that Senator Thompson wants. And I'm not so sure that wouldn't be a step that came back next year. Please do not support this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Jensen on the Thompson amendment.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I stand also in opposition to the amendment. I served on the juvenile detention committee, and attended at least three-fourths of the meetings, maybe more. I did not attend the last meeting because it was during the session here. But I want to reiterate what Senator Pedersen did say, that this is part of the Governor's juvenile justice total plan. LB 598 is the gatekeeper part. We have LB 691, which will expand the array of