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you can silently meditate on what you can do with that money. All right, now I will tell you what it comes from. There is a project that I did not agree with at the time that it was pushed across the floor of the Legislature. That project is the Tecumseh prison. This amendment is designed to take away the appropriation that would go in that direction. I think it is a fair amendment. I think it is eminently wise and, in view of the additional money we may need, this is a good place to cut it from. Senator Wehrbein had called our attention to a page either in the handout he gave us or in the booklet with the blue cover and asked from where can we find \$160 million. I don't have the full answer but I want to do my little part with this amendment. I hope that you will consider it favorably. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I was the other vote when this money was spent, that was a no vote, on the Tecumseh prison. Now I've got a good idea this isn't going to pass, probably a real good idea, but I...gives me a chance to visit with you just a little bit. All I can do now is sit back and say that I told you so because of what it is going to cost to run this place, but there is a way, there is a way that this can be done with the population. Let me read to you what is happening in the state of Nebraska when it comes to parole, and these are figures that can be substantiated. Approximately 1,500 inmates eligible for parole in 2000, some 900 have received misconduct reports while the other 600 were still eligible but have simply not been paroled. If we parole, basically just to use the figures that I got from a friend of mine, if one realizes that it costs \$20,000 to incarcerate an individual per year, the 600 unparoled offenders, these are people who are eligible for parole who do not have misconduct reports, who are eligible and the Parole Board holds them back because of their type of crime or for some reason that they...they think it's their second time in prison, they are redoing what the judge has already sent them there for, and so it could almost be considered double jeopardy; so when you have 600 unparoled offenders amounting to 12 thousand...to \$12 million a year, that's a gob in itself. Now the other 900,