

of employment, inadequate housing, lack of accessibility to affordable and quality medical care, and I will even talk about the overwhelming, to me, number of deaths that have been occurring in the Department of Corrections to people in their custody, the regional centers, the county and local jails. So there are a lot of issues which can be discussed in conjunction with this bill. I am disappointed that Senator Pedersen would be the one to bring this amendment and then to say maybe the facility doesn't have to be in Omaha and maybe it's not a good idea to have these youngsters in close proximity to whoever he was talking about. I look at this matter with a much broader perspective and I take a longer view. To some people, this is a part of a political issue and when this political blip goes off the screen, namely that pretended concern about juvenile crime and rehabilitating young people, problems will continue to exist. So when the Legislature has taken a position and made a decision which, for once, can be of value, I'm not going to let it easily slip by the boards. Building a better tomorrow starts with work that we do today and I wish Senator Pedersen was in here. I was hoping he would come back while I'm talking because I want to ask him some questions, but he's not here so I can't ask him. But I am definitely opposed to what it is he is trying to do. And because of what he is trying to do, I would like to see this bill bracketed until June 1st. I'm going to see what it is that is so important about this bill that we have to enact it. Let me ask Senator Wehrbein a question, if I may.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, this is one of the Appropriations bills and it deals with capital construction and property acquisition,...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...are there projects...and I'm not going to be argumentative with you this time, are there projects in there that really need to be funded?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.