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SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. Not necessarily...I've been listening to what we're talking about here, but not necessarily is it just the committee amendments. But it's given me an opportunity to stand up and talk a little bit about the Appropriations Committee, which I know very little about, except what they tell me, and I know they work hard, they work long hours. But I know they also have to work with whatever they get for information from the bureaucracies that come in and give them this information. We've got the Fiscal Office who does their very best to get accurate information. But yet when Senator Engel was talking about the 10 percent they had to cut, it made me think of some of the things that they had to cut in Corrections. And most of you know I have interest in Corrections, so I follow that. Corrections came up with closing whole programs--if you take 10 percent out, we're going to close the treatment program, we're going to close the Hastings Correctional Center. It never once said anything about we're going to cut administration. It never once said anything about, you know, what they were going to do to cut their Cornhusker State Industries, which is a wonderful program, but it doesn't put that many people to work. We've got a lot of employees working that program that are full-time, too. We didn't touch that. So all I'm asking you as colleagues is to remember when the bureaucracies come in, that they come in from time to time with the only experience that the committee has to listen to, and so we often have to bow to them. And that's not just Corrections, I know it's others. I just happen to know a little bit more about Corrections, because I've toured hundreds of programs since I've been in the Legislature: prisons, and jails, and different court programs that have to do with these people. And they just keep growing, they keep asking for more money. In this same...same 10 percent cut they asked for a modification, with a \$500,000 increase in money to their...what they call Community Justice Program, which is a program we haven't really even completely approved of yet in this body, and something that I hope that we'll be talking about later in this session. So I'm just saying keep your ears to the floor, and understand that when these bureaucracies come in and ask for money, I've decided that a bureaucracy is an addiction, being an addiction counselor, and it craves money and growth. And without a whole lot of education in them fields, when you're