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SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Don Pederson on the Brown amendment.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, when we debated the issue of whether we should have a work camp, Senator Engel and myself both represented to you that this was a worthwhile project. I still believe that. I think it's a very worthy effort. However, at the same time that we were making that presentation to you, we were representing to this body that this would represent some efficiencies in that this work camp would be placed adjacent to an existing facility, and we thought that is the way to go because you'd have the crossover of the staff that you could use. It would work beneficially to the state from a financial standpoint. During the summer, when we found that the...it was determined that the penitentiary would be in Tecumseh, that the work camp would be in McCook, I was asking myself, now, wait a minute, that was not the way it was represented to me, it was not the way that I represented it to you when I spoke on this floor, and I'm glad to have this opportunity to tell you that this was not the way it was...it was represented and I'm very disappointed. When I looked at the dollars that it's going to cost us for this work camp as a result of that decision, which was an administrative decision, not a decision of this body, and now we are going to incur a considerable amount of money that I don't think would have been necessary had we followed through with the initial thought. So I simply wanted to present to you that I believe in the work camp, I think it will be effective. I was just very disappointed when it was presented to us in the Appropriations Committee as to what it was going to cost as a result of that decision. I wanted to share that with you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Pederson. Senator Baker, Brown amendment to the committee amendments to LB 880.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the...Senator Brown's amendment here. I do agree with a lot of what Senator Dwite Pedersen said, that our number projections, from what I've seen,