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costs to incarcerate, but I've been given a figure by one of my colleagues of \$22,000. The amount that it costs to hold a juvenile in the Kearney Center is \$8,200. And so, as we are talking about where our resources are best directed, those...those differences in costs are important, and I would argue that we are not getting a sufficiently...sufficiently different amount of cost per bed per offender in the work camp as compared to incarceration to justify us moving forward with the work camp...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...and that we should look rather at halting it currently, when we have not expended the \$5 million in construction cost, when we still have the opportunity to, without having...having lost a lot in terms of expenditures in construction, be able to revisit it, revisit it in light of a reduced number in terms of the backlog that we have for adult...adult correctional inmates, and look at this cost of \$19,000 per year and decide whether we would be better off putting more money into juvenile corrections or more money especially into community corrections that might accomplish the same thing that we are hoping to accomplish with the work camp...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: ...at a much reduced rate. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brown. Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature, I'll keep this one very short. You've heard Senator Jim Jensen talk, Senator Chambers, my seatmate here, Senator Don Pederson, but what Senator Jensen and Senator Chambers said and what Senator Thompson and I have been trying to do with some other senators, and Senator Chambers has been on on that, is trying to find the money to build the secure confinement facility for youth, for juveniles. Tried to say "youth" and "juveniles" in the same word, but for the juveniles. And Senator Thompson gave me an estimate today of what it was going to cost, what she talked to you already on the floor