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Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Chambers, would you like to be recognized on the Dwite Pedersen amendment? Senator Bohlke. Senator Dwite Pedersen, your light is on next. Senator Brashear, on the Dwite Pedersen amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Pedersen's amendment is before you and I want to be supportive of his making the case and I also want to indicate that what he has represented he and I were working out with regard to our two competing bills is, in fact, true, and this is a subject that I think requires reconciliation and a coming together over the interim. It's not the kind of thing that was possible to do in the Judiciary Committee, given the workload of the committee. And so I am supportive of the concept of working toward a positive, unified approach brought to the floor. I don't think the floor should have to sit here and reconcile what is a disagreement within...I'll call it the greater corrections community and a disagreement within the bureaucracy and a disagreement or at least some uncertainty within the committee. And so, to that extent, I'm supportive of the amendment. I endorse what Senator Pedersen has represented with regard to his and my dealings and, with that, I would yield the balance of my time to Senator Dwite Pedersen.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Senator Brashear. If there's any questions, I do not need any further time, but if there's questions I'd be glad to try and answer them for you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I guess I do have some questions. Senator Pedersen, as I...may I ask Senator Pedersen a question, please?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yes.