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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Pedersen, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, we just got a message from the staff in the Fiscal...oh, excuse me, that's on the next bill. I've got my amendments screwed up. Amendment 1565 takes the \$500,000 that's been appropriated for the program that we just were talking about and puts it back in the General Fund instead of leaving it just sit there, deciding what we're going to do with it in the future, and basically that's what it does. If there's any questions I'd try and answer them for you. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the amendment? Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members, I agree.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. President and members, Senator Pedersen, if you would respond to a question, please.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yes, Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I was trying to ask you before that last vote that I had had some communication from some individuals in my district who said that they were successful in getting planning money for this...for a grant that would come from establishing the Office of Community Justice. Did that vote, the money, have a relationship to establishing that office? They said that there had been two people successful in getting money for the planning grant that would then allow them to do some of the things...I always thought you were interested in, as far as programs, things outside that we currently do to rehabilitate people, education, those types of things. And so now I'm confused as to the direction I'm looking from you as to what's happening.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Senator Bohlke, I'm confused too because if they said somebody's already got money, that didn't come from Corrections because Corrections has never been given..the