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money's been sitting there, but it's never had the authorization to be handed out.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Brown, would you answer a question for me, please?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes, Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I notice most of the Appropriations Committee voted the other way. Could you respond to what I...I saw you shaking your head on the Office of Community Justice.

SENATOR BROWN: The...there are 12 counties that have received money that have...they've put together plans. Now we have effectively eliminated their ability to move forward with those plans because the grant money will not be available and now, with the amendment that is on the floor, that...that money...with the previous amendment that we adopted, it meant that they could not make the grants. Now we're taking that money away without...without the Pedersen amendment, it will just sit there because they cannot make the grants.

SENATOR BOHLKE: So the 12 counties who have gone to the work and have done the planning and ready to apply for the grants through the Office of Community Justice, well, now that work will have been all for naught.

SENATOR BROWN: Exactly. Exactly.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, and I don't know if that changes anyone else's mind on that last vote. I'm not sure that that had been made clear on the floor. It is now clear to me and certainly changes my vote on that last vote and I'll talk to Senator Wehrbein off the mike and see what we may do. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. In responding to what Senator Bohlke says, I hope that I'm not pulling anybody's chain here. I didn't...I don't believe money can be handed out and passed out and promised to