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it's very true, I...I didn't mean to be cute under Senator Pedersen's next amendment that he said we don't need the money, I agree. If we don't have it here and we can't spend it because the appropriations authority is taken away, there's no sense having the money in the program. We just as well return it to the General Fund. This offers, those of you that are reconsidering, hopefully, to go back and say let's...let's do with the money that we proposed to do and let's allow the appropriation authority to be there. Because the appropriation authority's been unclear. Can't really say that it wasn't there, but it also wasn't positively there. That's the reason for the language in the committee amendments of the Appropriations Committee. Senator Pedersen took those words out the other day. I am proposing to restore those words so we can continue with the plan that we've been on for the last three or four years. And I appreciate Senator Bohlke's reconsideration motion. I hope at least four more of you will consider that proposal and we can restore those words and then work on something this next summer and fall as to the difference of opinion as to who should administer this program--Probations or Corrections and/or both?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there was a poem called "The Night Before Christmas" and in one part of it, it said: he whistled and shouted and called them by name. I got that last vote, but I'm going to use aliases, but they know who they are. Now Dasher, now Dancer, now Prancer and Vixon, on Comet, on Cupid, on Donner and Blitzen. That's only eight, but there were more from Omaha who voted against this, like a solid block, after getting what they wanted from the blockheads. That's what they think of you, and why shouldn't they? They know you have a short attention span and a short memory. It hasn't even been 24 hours yet and they're bashing you around. If you subtract 10 of...those 10 Omaha votes from the 24 who were against you, there would have been 14 against you. And you even have some rural people who voted against you because apparently they fail to understand the nature of this program. During the height of the hysterical attempt to lock everybody up with whom you disagree with, this program came close, as close as it ever had, to fruition. Rather than