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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, I waive off.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bohlke, you're recognize to close on your motion to reconsider.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, members. Senator Chambers made the analogy of the barbershop and one hair and not cutting one hair and I would say that some of us could use the analogy, not exactly of a barbershop, but of...of a place where we visit to have our hair done and, instead of cutting, we are offering the opportunity to change color at very little cost, in that, changing color on our vote. Seriously, I just thought I did not have the correction information on the vote I made. Talking to some others I thought perhaps they were confused. I appreciate Senator Pedersen support on the reconsideration vote. Then, when we get to the bill, I think it's very important if we would follow what Senator Pedersen was recommending, in the end, we would end up gutting the money and it would be going back to the General Fund, so it would not...it would be...end up that what appears to me to be dueling departments and who should have authority, we'd end up with no department, no money, no program, on a program that should be doing, I think, some beneficial things on cutting costs in the area of incarceration. Certainly the electronic monitoring and a number of those programs that I think have had pilot projects have proven that we can cut down the costs certainly rather than imprisonment, and so I plan...I hope you will support the vote to reconsider and then I hope that you will support putting the wording back in that Senator Wehrbein was seeking so that I believe we can continue with a plan, as he has indicated, that's been a four-year plan looking at how we can reduce costs and, at the same time, look at new ways for rehabilitation, and then also prevent the 12 counties who have gone to the work of getting ready for the grants from being told that that was all for naught and that we were not going forward with the plan. So I ask for your support of the reconsideration vote and then support of the Wehrbein amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the motion to reconsider the previously decided Wehrbein amendment. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.