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treatment center, NCTC, Nebraska Correctional Treatment Center at Air Park, the community justice program, parole, and probation. In all the fields, we've had some people from the Crime Commission on the state Commission on Substance Abuse, they've worked very hard for the last two years and now they want some clout in coming together and some authorization from this body, and that's what this bill does. By bringing together this group on an official basis under LB 865, we will bring some consistency and some very needed resources to the criminal justice field in the area of drugs and alcohol without as much duplication as we presently have going on. I will give you one example. A substance abuse evaluation, which takes the time of about an hour and a half to two hours in most cases, I have seen clients have as many as five of them by the time they ended up in Corrections, and then didn't transfer on to Corrections and Corrections did another one and another one before they ended up in the...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: ...treatment center in the correctional facility. There's no need for that duplication if we can come together as a complete organized group under this bill and offer one substance abuse program that would be consistent through the entire criminal justice program or departments in the state of Nebraska. I encourage your vote for this and I'd be glad to answer any questions you may have for it. Again, thank you, Senator Brashear.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. To open on the committee amendments, Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would yield the beginning of the committee amendments opening to Senator Dwite Pedersen.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. Do not have to repeat what I just went through and do not want to take up the precious time of the body, but if there's questions at this point I'd be more than