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addressed in some form by a study by the Judiciary Committee. If they don't want to put the bill out, how can we ignore this information? Could I ask Senator Brashear a question?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Brashear, is there any study that has been drafted...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...that you're aware of to focus any time of the Judiciary Committee on this...on this fact of the increased filings of civil actions by inmates that we've seen such a drastic increase in, as that's not part of this study that's in this bill? It would appear to me this is substance abuse, which is a very worthy topic. Is there any study that you plan to undertake in this regard?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: There...we have not submitted an interim study and that deadline has gone by, but certainly we have had this in the committee before. It has been a subject of continuing discussion. It will continue to be. Just as you say you are gaining information about it, so are we. I can't further assuage your concerns but it's simply...it's not going to be ignored, Senator Bromm. Your...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...bill is still pending in the committee.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Further discussion, Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. I'm not standing up to talk to you now about LB 865 as we are now trying to amend it, but to answer some of Senator Bromm's questions. I'd be more than glad, even though we do not have an interim study, Senator Bromm, on this, to help you in that study in any way, shape or form. I can tell