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minimize the connection between some of those individuals who are having problems holding jobs, the same people are having problems in our criminal justice system and a common denominator to many people who are suffering in this state is substance abuse. So I commend Senator Pedersen on the study and I certainly support the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Thompson, please.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I wanted to clarify something that Senator Hilgert said. I believe in my testimony, I know before the committee and also today, 75 to 85 percent of the people who come in touch with the criminal justice system in our institutions have substance abuse issues. The study, I just didn't want to...I wanted to clarify what the Robert Wood Johnson's Foundation report said, and that was that 33 percent of all criminal justice costs are related to substance abuse, and this is not only corrections but the cost to the criminal justice system. So a significant amount of our costs but also, I agree wholeheartedly with Senator Hilgert, the number is extremely high. At the time the...we had the hearing, we had a number of charts and graphs and when we were working on the juvenile justice study we had the statistics from our juvenile institutions, and those figures reflected a 75 to 85 percent, so you're right about that. I just didn't want to leave the body thinking that Robert Wood Johnson Foundation had reported something different. They...their report is to the costs. So thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Thank you. Pardon me, Senator Brashear. We were trying to get organized as to where we were on the bill, and there are no further lights on so we now are at the closing of the committee amendments. Senator Brashear, please.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body. I believe we've had a full and thorough discussion. You have been very accommodating in making some adjustments. I thank you for that. I urge the advance...the adoption of the committee