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a high profile issue, and there are a lot who will be engaging in the discussion before it's over. And there will be people concerned about the cost, but they'd be more willing to spend some money to lock people up than to hire an employee who might can help us resolve some issues and problems before they become totally unmanageable. It is a matter of priorities. And since this morning we know that we're not going to complete our discussion of this issue, it gives me the opportunity to alert some of the senators...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...on the floor and some of the Appropriations Committee members who are somewhere else, doing whatever they do when they're not on the floor, that they're not going to have smooth sledding from me. I usually just go along with what they do, I mean I might express opposition, vote against them. But I mean where I just have a knock-down, drag-out, nine of them against one of me, like it's so often 48 of the others against one of me. But the Appropriations Committee needs to be given some comeuppance. And I'm growing weary of sometimes an appearance of arrogance and disregard for everything except their pet projects and the pet part of the state they want to take care of. So they're going to see something different from me this session. It may seem that I'm not in my usual jovial mood this morning. Some issues and matters are so serious that they don't allow of being jovial.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Thank you, Senator Thompson (sic). Senator Kiel.

SENATOR KIEL: Thank you, Madam Chairman, members of the Legislature. I'm going to yield most of my time to Senator Thompson, but I wanted to make a point to my colleagues on the floor, we have a lot of requests for appropriations this year. We have a lot of requests to fund different projects. But one of the things that I want to remind members of the Legislature is that our most precious resource in this state is our children, and we have woefully failed to serve our children. We have failed to serve them when they are on foster care, we have failed to serve them when we put them into the juvenile justice system, and we have failed to serve them in a number of ways.