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been subject to sexual abuse some time in their life before they ever got there I know is very, very high, and this is just nothing more than where we are in our society today. And so I just want to stand in support of this amendment. Hope the body will see fit to address this very important need. It is one that has kind of been overlooked in the past. They do have an overcrowded situation out there. They have buildings that are very, very old. They need replacement. I just think this is the first step that we can do to address that need. With that, I would just ask support for the...this amendment to the budget. Thank you.

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

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. I, too, stand in support of LB 1217 and I commend Senator Thompson for all the work she's done in this area. This is, as people have already said, spending next year's money, but it's...this is a priority and we better get in line now because there's bureaucracies out there already writing budgets for next year that's spending lots and lots of money, and I think this is one of the priorities over that, and that's why we need to get this on the books. I appreciate you supporting this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: (Microphone malfunction)...body, I, too, support this amendment. I...we have toured the...this facility in the last couple years and it is in dire need of improvement. That's certainly for sure. And the main thing is we can keep those young ladies there long enough where they can be rehabilitated so they have a chance in society when they get out. Another thing we have to start spending more time on, we build work camps, we build prisons because we have to and we expand these facilities because we have to because the problem is there, but somewhere along the line we have to start working on early childhood care and keep it so that these young children will not have to go into these facilities. So there's where we have to spend our time and our talent and our money in the future so