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from families who have money enough to pay for copay, to pay extra and ask for to pay their outside services, and the department says... does not allow them to pay it, does not allow them to pay it. Don't have a system on how to do that. I know there was one not too long ago, a person that was taking an antihistamine-type drug and was doing good on it before they went to prison. The family chose that they would pay for...continue to pay for it, and they said, no, you can't do it; you'll have to take what we give you. So, I mean, there's not a system to take care of that. The other part of the medical care is, if you charge copay, those who cannot afford it and still want medical care will get somebody else to pay it, and it goes back home to a lot of families who can't pay it. But I'll tell you something that will work that will cut medical care. Let's get some of them people out of there that don't need to be there. Let's put some of those people on electronic monitoring. Let's look at other systems. We have two work release facilities in the state of Nebraska that are never praised, even by the department, and they do a wonderful job. These are prisoners...if you go on over here to lunch today at the Governor's mansion, the three people who are waiting on you, the lady and the two men in the basement, are prisoners. One of them is doing a life sentence. He comes and runs errands. He does runs unescorted. In the Department of Corrections today, we have only 923 prisoners who are doing maximum security sentences. We have 1,419 doing medium, and we have 1,249 doing minimum, and only 440 on the work release. My guess is that at least half of the minimum could be on work release too. Our length of parole...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: ...is less than a year. The average in most states is two years. We could close a big prison. Yes, people, we could close a big prison, and let people out on electronic monitoring, for instance, global tracking, who keeps track of them every minute, every hour of the day, every day, and can be looked up on a computer, \$7 a day. And those who are out working on their own jobs pay for that themselves. They pay for their own medical care. While they're out there, they pay their own child support, their own spousal support. But we have