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not...and I'm talking about the Department of Corrections...we have not promoted that kind of work at all. We have promoted more maximum security facilities. We've built a maximum security facility when we did not have enough maximum security prisoners to fill the one we already had. That's down the drain. But we could do something yet today. We can put more of these people on work release.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Jones, followed by Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I haven't weighed in on this yet, but I wanted to make a few comments on where I kind of stood on it. The Appropriations Committee did a lot of good work, and I just want to comment on that a little bit, that they met with a lot of people and a lot of...and about three times on each, and trying to get something figured out and everything. But we're so far behind, or far apart yet, that I just don't know how we're going to come out on it. But anyway, I want to make a comment on some of the things that they did cut. And that was on page 21, when they're talking about aid to cities, aid to ESUs, and aid to counties, and the county jails, and county property tax relief, and others. All of them were cut and all of them will end up back on our local property tax. I know that a lot of them will end up on city sales tax. But they all own property, all them people that pay that, so it will all end up back on their property tax. So I don't know just where we're going to end up on it. I think some things that we should be talking about is, try to figure out whether we can go on the income tax and get it back to where it was in '96, and leave the sales tax at 5.5 percent. And there's one other option, and I know it probably won't fly on the floor, but to put it on food. I know a lot of people on the floor supports that, but we've got to have a good support on the floor to get that to move. But anyway, I want to talk a little bit about some areas in my area. Because wages out there is not near as much as they are in Omaha and Lincoln. I realize that. But we