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they're out of the system, we don't have a problem, because you have new people coming in. I'm trying to explain that as just an indication of why you have to do an analysis and have a plan. The much greater problem is one which Senator Pedersen participated on the community corrections working group, together with Senator Bourne and myself, for, what, 14-16 months. Our constitution is not like the constitution in other states. The provisions with regard to parole are not the same as in other states. There are places where parole is a part of the executive branch of the government and the Governor can tell the Parole Board what he...what kind of policy, attitude, philosophy, and approach he wants the Parole Board to pursue. Ours says...our provision of the Nebraska Constitution says the Legislature shall provide by law for the establishment of a Board of Parole and the qualifications of its members. Said board, or a majority thereof, shall have power to grant paroles after conviction and judgment, under such conditions as may be prescribed by law for any offenses, and so forth. It's in the discretion of the board. We have litigation and case law in the state of Nebraska that indicates that we can't tell the Parole Board what to do and neither can the Governor. We've had people make whole or portions of or all of their political career over playing with those issues. So our closing the prison doesn't mean the Parole Board has to respond. They have an independent constitutional responsibility. If they decline to do so, we'll be the people who didn't know what we were doing when we did what we did on the night of May 13. Again, I want to repeat I'm not opposed, I'm not opposed to closing...

SENATOR VRTISKA: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...correctional facilities and to pursuing that issue and planning it. How would...what are our union contracts and what are the issues related to the personnel who are at this center? How will they be handled? What is the liability for closing this facility? What are we going to do with the Diagnostic and Evaluation Center which is...which we're not closing, which is principally supported in terms of its services out of the Lincoln Correctional Center? I'm not saying don't close the facility. I'm not saying don't adopt the Don Pederson amendment. I agree. We can continue to talk about the