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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Who did you say?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: The closing of them facilities. We were talking about there was no bill...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No. There's no bills, just...

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: ...to close the Lincoln Correctional Center.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: There was no bill, per se. It was simply a funding for it.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Could the...there was absent...but there was no bill for the others either.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: So my contention is that, you know, why do we have to have a bill for this when we don't have to have a bill for that one? I'm just saying tit for tat or one way or the other. The juvenile facility, I did have a bill in the Judiciary Committee. I did not ask for it to be on the agenda for the committee to consider for passing out of committee because I thought the Appropriations Committee was going to do that work for us, and that's why I didn't bring it out. And I...I'm not saying you were wrong in not doing that work. I was...just took that for granted and it didn't happen, so there's no problem there. The...one of the concerns is going to be closing some of the programs that are at LCC. You might remember last year we closed the NCTC, the Nebraska correctional treatment facility that was out at Air Park. The Department of Corrections brought it in, and we agreed with them that we should close it. And they took it out to NSP, the Nebraska state pen, behind the wall, and they segregated it, and that program is running. If they could do it with that program, why can't they do it with sex offenders? Why can't they do it...make PC bigger in the other facilities? If they want to do it, it can be done, but if we suggest it, it can't be done. Popycock. It's time that we make some decisions and decide where we want to save some dollars. I do not want to hurt that