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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JOHNSON: A couple of other things that we need to look into as well, as long as I'm talking about this type of things, is in Health and Human Services we've cut down the number of recipients by about 22,000 this last year. Senator Jensen and others have ideas about making the system efficient as well. The other day we also talked about cutting administrative costs in the K-12 program. It looks like another area where we can do significant things. In higher education, we have four different systems operating independently. Certainly, a coordinated higher education system will also be a lot better on our pocketbooks. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Engel.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Johnson, you want bold. We can get bolder. We could close Peru. We could close the Norfolk Regional Center. In fact, if we want to close the Norfolk Regional Center, we could save about \$17 million the first year and about \$17.5 million the second year. You want to get bold? Let's do it. Let's do it right now. Let's close Peru. Let's close Norfolk. Let's close LCC. Let's do it now, yes. Without any thought or study or consideration of the issues involved, let's just do it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Engel, on the Pederson amendment to the Dwite Pedersen amendment.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, I'd like to ask Senator Pedersen a question. He might have already talked about it and I wasn't in here. But in LCC, where you've got these, as I think around 500 sexual offenders in LCC, is that correct?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Would you...

SENATOR ENGEL: Sexual...sex offenders that...

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I don't know how many of them are sex