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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Raikes, would you repeat what you just said? (Laughter) I don't know if there's a soul on this floor who followed that, but I appreciate your remarks. Members, I need to explain my last little speech. I thought I was being dramatic and everybody else thought I was mad. But I thought maybe I missed my calling; maybe I should have been an actress after all. I do want to, maybe in a more dignified manner, say to you basically a lot of what Senator Raikes just said, and that is there are a lot of places that we could cut on the spur of the moment. We could cut Peru and it would be \$14 million this coming year, \$16 million the next year. We could cut the regional center, Norfolk Regional Center or the Lincoln Regional Center, but everybody talks about Norfolk. Be \$16,903,000 this year; be \$17,499,000 next year. And we could do it. We could do it right here tonight on the spur of the moment. But is that a good way to make policy? I don't think so. And you may very well be right. We may very well be able to cut the Lincoln Correctional Center and it may be the right thing to do. But I'm not going to be able to tell my constituents right now that it was the right thing to do because I haven't a clue whether it's the right thing to do or not. We don't know what kind of an impact that would have. We've heard talked about the fact that there are a certain number of medium/maximum security beds at all of our prisons. This one, LCC, happens to have 500. The problem is, when you close that prison or that center, you're not going to be able to take those people and release them, probably. You're going to have to put them in Tecumseh or the pen. And the reason we built Tecumseh is because we needed more medium/maximum security beds. So does that really make sense? Is there not a better way that we could transition this and save money? I don't necessarily think that we should close McCook or that we should close the Omaha juvenile center. It seems to me those have very good reasons for existence. But that's what the Corrections center (sic) chose. Was their choice based on a choice that they made because they wanted to put out the least likely to dangle in front of us, in front of the Appropriations Committee, the least likely that would be closed, so that nothing would be closed? Did they not put out the Lincoln Correctional Center because they thought that that might be the thing that the Appropriations Committee would just latch onto