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expenses of that institution and that form of government is just getting out of the sky. And it's ironic, it seems to me, that as we find that the rate of crime is reducing, the rate of incarceration is increasing. We have got to reverse this. And we're not dealing with someone that would never get out of the Penitentiary. We're dealing with people who, according to the figures that were presented to us by Senator Dwite Pedersen, will be released without supervision within six months. And what he is proposing at the time that that facility is closed, the people who will be released, and they would be selectively released based upon those who have reasonable prospect of being able to adapt themselves to society, those people will then have supervision for six months. So I think it's very important that we start to see, what are we doing? What is the net effect of closing an institution like this? The net effect is to start reconsidering how we are treating crime in the state of Nebraska. We have just continually built new prisons. And I know the early report said we...if we kept going, we were going to have to have more prisons. Well, we need to have a different approach to this. And I think that we need to consider more the use of parole. We need to use more of the system of probation. And those factors haven't been presented to us on the Appropriations Committee. We didn't actually have a suggestion that those two facilities in Omaha and McCook be closed. It was more like, well, if we have to close something, those would be the ones to close. But they didn't come in and support their own proposal about closing those. They came in and objected and didn't think that was a good idea to close those. So actually, there was no suggestion made by the administration in connection with reducing the size of the correctional facilities. So I think that I was very proud of this Legislature last night, to actually step forward and make a positive move to change the way that we treat the criminal complex within our state. And I think that we have made a significant step forward. I would urge that you not reconsider this, and that we go back to what we did last night, when we were clearly thinking about what's in the best interest of the state of Nebraska. Any additional time I would yield to Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Don Pederson. Senator Dwite Pedersen. You have about a minute and twenty seconds.