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SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and all I'm going to do is talk here a little bit and I'm going to pull this amendment. If Senator Schimek had been successful in getting the other amendment removed, I would have been more serious about this amendment, and this amendment was to do exactly what the Appropriations Committee had talked about earlier, and that is to close the facility at the Work Ethic Camp in McCook, and to close the juvenile facility. And it's not that we want to...that I wanted to close them new institutions, but I have some comparison, basically, that was on this same sheet that I handed out yesterday. A lot of people don't realize that we have a very, very good system in our Department of Corrections, yes, I'm patting them on the back for this, for their work release program. At the CCCL, the Community Correction Center, Lincoln, which I hope some of them work detail people that go out and work for us will go over and take care of this empty facility someday if all this comes to pass, and will go over there and fix the meals with the kitchen that's already there and feed the inmates that are in D & E, because it's going to have to be taken care of. I don't think we should walk away from the building and leave it uncared-for. We have inmates who can do that. We have a CCCO in Omaha, Community Correction Center in Omaha. These are facilities that the department has never really come to talk to us about that they should be so proud of. About half of them inmates are on work release; go out into the community unsupervised and work jobs. The other half are on work detail, the same identical type of work that the people in the Work Ethic Camp are doing, work detail. The people in the work release center also get GED and alcohol/drug programming, but they do it at nights and weekends, and some of it they go out into the community and do. I don't see why we could not change the Work Ethic Camp into doing that same thing and, instead of costing us something like \$60,000, I think they've brought that down some but it's \$23,956 times 3, so you've got all this money into one bed. The work release center, compared to that, is \$15,602. Now it might be a little bit more if they're all on work detail, but a little bit more. Nothing near to what they're doing. I think that that place could be run far more better and next year I will be looking at offering a bill to change that into a work release center, which I think they're doing the same thing. It wouldn't be the six