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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: What if you fail to get 25 votes to take it out?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, then I've got to do what I can to make my colleagues feel as miserable as that vote will make me feel. And the first thing I will do is ask for a division of the question on the committee amendment, which I'm entitled to have.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: You know how to cause great pain, don't you?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm in pain now. (Laugh)

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on AM3216. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Chambers amendment, AM3216, to the committee amendment, AM3033, to LB 1089. Open for discussion, Senator Brashear, followed by nine others.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Senator Chambers, this doesn't sound like consent calendar, but it was a good fleeting thought. And in one...in keeping with one of the grandest traditions of the body, I'll mention that, yes, in fact, Senator Chambers has an amendment pending, I think I'm opposed to it, I'm willing to listen to arguments, but since I had my light on and I don't want to drop down, I'm not going to talk about it but I'm going to talk about something else preparatory to becoming involved in the budget discussion. My good friend and colleague, the Vice Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, has spoken to you about Corrections this morning. Now I think the record needs to be balanced and so I would like to just say to you that as in all of your committees everything doesn't always happen the way we all, each individually, want it to happen. And I would not want to leave you with the impression that the overwhelming majority, in fact nearly, nearly all of the members of your Judiciary Committee did not think that they dealt responsibly with the issue crystallized in Senator Dwite Pedersen's bill to close the Lincoln Community Correction...or the Lincoln Correction Center.