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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Your Honor, the witness is excused.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm going to have to push my own button, aren't I?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, on that one. Members of the Legislature, this is one of the areas in the budget that I would like to have some serious discussion on because I think that we ought to stay with the decision that we made. I had vacillated, swung back and forth like a pendulum, unsure exactly which direction we ought to go. I had reached a point where I thought it would be good to keep the LCC because of some programs that they have there, but the Parole Board is starting to do what it should have been doing down through the years and, had it operated in that manner, we would not have the overcrowding situation that exists now. We probably wouldn't have made the blunder of building that fiasco in Tecumseh, which Senator Dwite Pedersen and I fought against tooth and nail. And in fact, that was a proposal which was in the budget, some money for a prison, which Senator Wehrbein and I worked with another senator to take out of the budget bill so that it could stand or fall on its own. As it turned out, there was another bill that dealt with prison construction and, over my objection and Senator Pedersen's, Dwite...Senator Dwite Pedersen, they built Tecumseh. But I was able to get them to cut some money for some Quonset huts they were going to build. Everything connected with that monstrosity shows that it was a mistake. Not only is it a monstrosity, but it is becoming a monster factory. When you pen people up and they have been in a different environment, a different lockup before they came there, they did not have write-ups, they did not have problems, they had not committed acts of violence, then they get there and all of a sudden Dr. Jekyll disappears and out pops Mr. Hyde, no, it's not that person. It's the way untrained people, who are far too young to have those positions, are put over grown men who were well-grown before they were shifted to Tecumseh. And you have some untrained punk kid telling you, when you're as old as I am, over 60 years old, that you had better do this, treating you like a child, provoking you, provoking you, baiting you, and you have no way to escape it, you're locked up, the only thing you can do