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although it sounds good to have mergers of various entities, any information that we got showed that under the current circumstances it wasn't going to be any beneficial savings in doing so. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I want to follow up just a little bit on what Senator Chambers was talking about, a couple different areas, first of all on Tecumseh. It's too late for sour grapes. The place is built and we've got somewhere in the neighborhood...well, I can tell you exactly what it was February 18. We've got 853 inmates down there. Design capacity was 960. It is a monster and it is turning out monsters. We've had over ten assaults on staff members down there in the two years it's been open. Some of them assaults were by people who have never committed assaults in their lives, but, as all of you know, you push a mean dog into...push a dog into the corner and you treat it mean, they're going to come out scratching somewhere. If something is not done down there soon to change how they staff that or how they're...what's going on down there, I'm a feared we're going to have a riot. And then we'll have more fodder to talk about how bad some of them people are. And I want you to know that was built as a super maximum security facility, and it is not all maximum security prisoners that are in there. There's minimum and medium security prisoners in that facility. There's a lot of people down there, that have never committed a crime against a person, in that facility. If we don't do something to get these people's attention to do something else besides just build up concrete and lock the doors, we aren't going to get anything changed. And just to give you a couple figures that would help, and should have been brought to us, as far as I'm concerned, by Corrections, is parole costs us \$2,700 a year, a work release center costs us \$15,000 a year, the institutions we're building cost \$26,500 a year. And yet, we only have, by the numbers right here, we have 22 percent of our inmates are maximum, 35 percent are medium, 29 percent are minimum, and 12 percent are custody...I mean community custody. We could use a lot more work release, work