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detail type programs, and maybe we'll have to use some of them current institutions to do that kind of a thing. But we do not have to staff all of our units with...for maximum security prisons. Every one of our units are staffed for maximum security, except for the work release centers. That's a lot of extra money. I don't know why we're not moving or why the bureaucracy of the department is not moving to change some of that, but it has not happened and I do believe their hand has to be forced, and I believe that's our job. We need to take a look at all them corners. Electronic monitoring, as I mentioned this morning, is being...

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: ...used by a lot more states. Electronic monitoring can tell where you're at every minute of the day, way back. It's...you can call a number up on the computer; it will tell you every step you made during the week. It actually has a dotted path of where you went in that town or where you were allowed to go. And if you go someplace you're not allowed to go, it sets off an alarm; you come get them. The inmates pays for that themselves. They pay for their own bed. They pay for their own food. They pay for their own treatment, medical, whatever, which saves thousands, which counts up to millions of dollars. And that's why we've got to be forcing the department into using more on these minimum security type prisons. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Combs, advancement of LB 1089.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President. I've been listening to the debate on the budget, and this is my second year to be involved with the budget, and I kind of sort of know where I stand. I'm still listening and I certainly do respect the hard work that the Appropriations Committee has put in, nothing short of the hours and hours and hours and days that they spend wrangling over things. But I did want to make a comment and then perhaps direct a question to Senator Wehrbein. Senator