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security prisoners, and we don't have enough maximum security prisoners to fill up one of the larger units. So things have to be looked at. I think Synowiecki has got a good idea here and I think we ought to take a good look at it. I want to add one other little thing, just because we're in the...on LB 1089. You know, also in this budget there's 120 new child protective people to take care of our loss of children and our damaged children. I don't have any problem with that except that, you know, I think we need to start taking a look at not giving up, as legislators, and listening always to the bureaucrats. We threw 120 more people at this, and I hope they're going to be doing their job because I can tell you there's a lot of caseworkers out there that I know personally that are not doing their job. I was at court last week with a young...not last week but last month, with a young man who has been placed in 14 different placements since he's been age 11. He's a survivor. He's not broke the law at all. And when I went to court with him in that courtroom, the juvenile courtroom, there was nine people in that courtroom that were paid by the state.

SENATOR HARTNETT: One minute.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: There...we've got to start taking a look at us, those of us in the Legislature, of getting our nose into a little bit more of micromanaging and finding out what's going on before we just give, give, give, give every time they ask. I'm going to support the 120 positions, but it won't look I do because I'm not going to be voting for LB 1089 anyway down the road, shape or form because of I don't...I don't think we have done what we needed to do, and that's just where I'm at. It's not...I think the Appropriations Committee, they worked morning, noon and night. They've done the best job they can. I just am not in support of raising these taxes in any way, shape or form without us doing more cuts. Thank you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Hartnett and members. I rise in opposition to Senator Synowiecki's amendment. I tell you, in the first place, he's got some things wrong here. These people that are out at the Work Ethic Camp are not eligible for