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it. I believe that term limits is really going to turn this into a zoo, as it is probably doing already. Half of you are term limited out in two years. Over a third of us that are running this time are running unopposed or not running at all. So we can do whatever we want and go home and to heck with it. I think the taxpayers will learn in a hurry that the term limits isn't working out. Somebody has got to watch what government is doing, and not just listening to what government is doing. And I'm talking about the bureaucracies. How many of you heard about the assaults going on at Tecumseh prison? There's a few of you, I know, that are aware of it. The man that got his jaw broke was a caseworker. He was an employee. He was busted in the mouth with a mop bucket by an inmate who is doing life imprisonment, and what a nasty person, but he has never assaulted anybody in prison before. Another employee, not inmate, called me and said that man is damn lucky to be alive, the way he was treating people.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: We need to start listening to these people, whatever bureaucracy they come from, and say, why aren't these people running a better shop? What has happened to Tecumseh? They've been in lockdown for almost a month now. I'll bet the employee will be praised, not necessarily by the department, but those who don't understand these kind of people will say, that nasty guy, they should throw him in the hole and leave him there the rest of his life. He was in the hole already, not the hole, but he was in prison. He was in a hole as far as Tecumseh goes, in my estimation. But he was like a dog in a cage and was being teased by this man, and this is coming from other employees, not the inmates. We're spending money on that type of program, people, and I think it's about time we tell these people to run their shops right and cut them, and if we don't cut them, we shouldn't be raising taxes. And that's where I'm at. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Pedersen.
(Visitors introduced.) Senator Jones, on the Chambers amendment.