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sometimes to take it for granted that everything is all right. We need to be very careful about those who we hire and who we contract with. I'm hoping that LB 1083 is going to be a help with that. The regional centers...

SENATOR VRTISKA: One minute.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: ...have done a good job, but they're open now, people, and this happened outside of that. We need to get involved. My interest has been mostly in the Department of Corrections. I hope most of you read the first...front page of the Journal Star this morning about the staff members down at Tecumseh prison who are picketing because they want more help and they feel scared. And the department responds; says, we will take it with a grain of salt. That's not just the staff, people. I open my office to any one of you that want to come down and read letters from inmates who have said they are understaffed at Tecumseh.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Time.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: And I will show you letters...did you give me one minute? Sorry, I'll talk again. Thank you.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Maxwell.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a few quick observations and I'll be giving Senator Beutler the balance of my time. Senator Schimek read an e-mail to us and I just wanted to note for the record that I did write back to those parents, who, I believe, they contacted all of us, and I told them...I thanked them for contacting me and said they raised good points. I didn't dispute any of it. I told them that the new system, at least my understanding of the new system, is that it is not supposed to let dangerous people into community-based care. No regional center is supposed to close until there is a guaranteed secure placement for anyone who requires 24-hour institutional care. I also mentioned to them that I have a five-year-old child and it made me sick to my stomach and angry to see how that situation was mismanaged. Thank goodness the child survived. So I've had my run-ins with HHS on other issues, so I