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mental health system. And I think it's very unfortunate that this had to happen, but since it has happened, the timing was probably just about perfect, before we have passed LB 1083. This gave us a little bit time this morning to discuss it and let the people air their concerns about this. So with that, those are my comments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Next speaker, Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, you know, we're talking about system change and whenever we change a system it's going to create fear and worry with a lot of people. And I have tremendous sorrow for the incident that happened and, as Senator Jensen mentioned, in this system change that person would not have been a part of...is not...is part of the developmentally disabled with people with other issues and may or may not have been considered part of the reform we're doing here. But regardless of that, I do want to talk about a few aspects of the system change. First of all, doing nothing, leaving the system at it is...as it is I believe creates more problems and more situations and more difficulty than doing a system change. And we need the change for a lot of reasons. I'm going to just go through some of the specifics that came up this morning. Let's talk about the police incidents and the police change. I can tell you, as a member of the Appropriations Committee, that we do have in the budget \$2.5 million budgeted and it's certainly the intention of the committee that that go on to do a better job with the protective custody issues. But of the police incidents that were mentioned this morning, the thousand or so, a lot of those incidents aren't people who are violent. Those are people who are afraid. They come from the people who are mentally ill. And we can do a lot to help the fear that they have. Sometimes it's because they think animals are coming through the wall. That...I had a meeting with a head of a law enforcement agency on another matter and he said, I'm sorry to keep you waiting but I had to have this long discussion about...with this women who we have to send an officer out every time she goes off her meds because she starts having these irrational fears. If we did a better job in the community of helping people stay on their meds, monitor