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will leave her light on, but we'll go on to the next speaker, Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I very much support this bill and the committee amendments. Senator Howard came to me yesterday, real nervous about her first bill and her priority bill, and I think we're loving it to death. That's great. (Laugh) I'm happy for you, Senator Howard. I do have a little bit of concern about the fact that, you know, we need to...this is a help and this is a move forward, but we don't want to forget for any time that we need to keep a real close eye on all of this. We had another child death in Douglas County this last week and, as far as reporting goes, my understanding is there was some...there had been some reporting of child abuse with this kid prior, to the department, and no move on the department to check it out. These things concern me. This bill, however, is prevention. One of the biggest things I like about it is prevention, and we need to get into prevention. We need to do a lot more in prevention, not just this area but lots of other areas, and I think preventative dollars are much, much cheaper than the ultimate dollars spent without it. This is a good bill. I am supportive of it, and I'm supportive of the committee amendments. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Schimek, are you...have you returned to the Chamber? She has not. We'll go to Senator Brown. Are you with us? She is.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I had initially punched my light to talk a little bit about the PEACH Program, which Senator Thompson spoke about, and I do agree that we need universal programs and I thought about that when Senator Schrock was talking about how most families have family support. And I wanted to share a story of someone I know who, when she had her first child, was living in a small town in Iowa where her husband's parents lived, and so she had a lot of family around her, and they had a family support program. Somebody came to visit her. She really kind of was a little put off by it initially, and...because she had the family support. Soon thereafter, she moved to California where she didn't have her