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and put back where we were in the year 2001, 2002, 2003. Those were just situations that we felt we had to deal with on the basis of current need, and we just could not go back and restore, and I think it puts us in a terrible position if we do attempt to do that at this point. This is the beginning of potential restorations, and I believe that we just simply can't go forward in that direction. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I introduced this amendment with Senator Stuthman largely because I remember some letters that had been sent out by the Chair of the Appropriations Committee lamenting the fact that this bill...a bill was passed that created a state obligation that was never met. And if...is Senator Pederson still on the floor?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pederson.

SENATOR BOURNE: He's working his way to his microphone. I remember him receiving a...or sending out a copy of a letter. I think the letter went to the Governor, and he copied all of the Legislature...legislators, and this has been a couple of years ago. Senator Pederson, would you yield to a question or two?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Certainly.

SENATOR BOURNE: And, Senator Pederson, again I...you were out in the lobby when I mentioned this, but I signed onto this amendment with Senator Stuthman, and I seem to remember that you had written a letter, I believe, to Governor Johanns a year or two ago, perhaps three years, lamenting the fact that we had passed the bill that the...to require the state to reimburse counties for incarcerations, and the state never really followed through on that. Is that accurate?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Very accurate. I was very upset at the time.