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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. Question of Senator Pedersen if he would yield.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Pedersen, who is required to have this kind of drug and alcohol treatment? Are these sellers or are these abusers?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Any of the prisoners who were in there for drug-related crimes. I should have brought a copy of that up.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So this could be sellers then of drugs?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes, it can be.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And as I understand it, it is pretty easy to get drugs even behind prison walls. Is that correct?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: That's right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: What kind of programs are available and how many are they available for in the correctional center?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: The correctional center has two different units, and I don't have that information with me. I should have brought it, but if you are in general population, you have no problem as long as you follow the rules to get in one of the mods (sic) where they offer treatment, one of the treatment pods. However, if you are in segregated population, like protective custody, or hospital, something like that, they don't offer it for them people. So what we are saying is that is not fair for them people because they are in that population not to be eligible for treatment and can't get up for parole because they haven't had treatment.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So this would be a limited population, then?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: That's right.