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PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, I'm not sure what Senator Luedtke is saying, but if I think I understand what he is saying I certainly...I for one certainly disagree with him. I think the intent of the wording in this bill is to call for a statewide plan from the misdemeanor level up to the felon level and the head of the planning for the LEAA says there is no such plan, and that we need a plan namely Dee Lofgren and suggest what they have done in the past meets the recommendations as cared for in this bill, I think would be very wide of the mark to say the least.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I'd like to respond to that, Senator Stahmer there is a statewide plan. Dee Lofgren not to the contrary, notwithstanding. Dee Lofgren and I have discussed this, we discussed it at great length, and he is in agreement with me that this is a plan, a master plan, a blueprint for action. And this Legislature received the report a year ago last January that this is the plan. Now the only thing is, that when the Department of Correctional Services is being prodded into action, I agree with that. But it's being prodded into action to follow the comprehensive plan proposed by the Judiciary Committee. And that includes misdemeanants, that includes the entire area of corrections. Juvenile, adult, probation, parole, the entire area. And that was the charge to the Leg.. by the Legislature to the Judiciary Committee. That is what that report contained. It is a master plan, there is no doubt about it.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, and members of the body. There might be any doubt in your mind, but that certainly is not the words that Dee Lofgren gave to me, and if we have some disagreement let's bring him forward here and ask him to tell us. Because I know what he told me, that we do not have a comprehensive master plan of all corrections and facilities involved in corrections from the misdemeanor level, all we've got is hodgepodge, we've got chunks here and pieces there. And they are in the very process right now of changing their own planning regions from the original 23, the one on the economic regions down to the 6 human service regions. And they are in the process of changing everything they have, and he's specifically told me that they...we do not have, the state does not have a master plan at all levels. It's as simple as that. And if you disagree with me, bring him forward here and have him tell the body.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well I happen to have the privilege of being a part of the Judiciary Committee, and I recall we spent some two hundred thousand dollars to get a master plan. And I recall this Legislature accepted the master plan. I would suggest that the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, in order to make it certain because it isn't certain now. You offer an amendment (inaudible) to make it certain. Let's not make any chances. We now know it's not agreed upon. We know we spent hours after hours in the Judiciary Committee. We had architects and planners and everybody else. We even went to other states. And if we don't have a master plan now