be done. I assumed that we were finally going to address that
concern and I visited with Senator Hall about this and he tells
me that they did a study. He never did get the results of the
study, had to request it. Finally got it and it had some
inordinate amount of money that they said they needed to have in
order to move a wall so they could do that. Senator Hannibal, I
would like to ask you a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Has the Department of Corrections ever come to
you, the Appropriations Committee, with any kind of request
since the interim study that we held in Government Committee
with a request for funding to help do something like that?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Yes, but it was not part of capital
construction. They actually came to us with regards to their
operations budget and were asking...they phrased the problem not
with capital construction but rather they said that if we had
additional staff, we could have much longer visiting hours, we
could use the existing space for a longer period of time. And
they asked for expanded staff so that they could have longer
visiting hours and it was an expansion request that,
unfortunately, the Appropriations Committee did not grant.

SENATOR SMITH: They didn't ask for anything as far as extending
the size of the facility itself where they...where the families
meet? Would almost think that if they would do that, they
wouldn't need more staff, they would be able to observe from
where they're at.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I might be able...I also was reminded that
the adjustment center itself will have a separate visitation
area. The current one does not. So, in effect, part of the
capital construction budget here would be for an expansion of
visitation facilities.

SENATOR SMITH: Well, I just couldn't help, Gary, to...when I
read this to think, you know, maybe we wouldn't need a center
such as this, an expanded area such as this if we did more in
the area of doing some things that would up front keep them from
reaching this point where they're so difficult to deal with that
they have to keep them housed separately. Maybe if they were