

needed. I still hear what you're saying and if there is a comment you would like to make, you're willing to have my time...I'm willing to give you my time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, if when we're talking about these studies somebody other than the Department of Corrections would do the study, it would have more credibility. Much of what they say is self-serving. They generate their statistics. They interpret them and construe them any way they want to. When they're trying to make a point for certain purposes, they might talk about the number of people actually being sent to the institution. If that doesn't give a high enough increase in the likely prison population, they then will talk about the overall population increase, not crimes being committed or anything like that but since population is increasing everywhere it's likely that a percentage of that population will come into the system and they continue to shift their point of view so that when they arrive at a conclusion they don't reach that conclusion by using the same set of figures or statistics or circumstances to reach a conclusion. They go from one horse to the other and they proceed in that piecemeal fashion because there is a goal they want to reach and it's to tell the Legislature that a facility of this kind is needed. One of the things that is rumored and Senator Schimek just mentioned to me and I may as well mention it because it has been going the rounds at the institution and outside the institution that what the Director would like to do is to put the death row inmates in a facility such as this. If that was his intention, that certainly is what he should have told the Appropriations Committee. It's certainly what he should have told the Judiciary Committee. It's certainly what he should have put into his written statement that he gave to the Judiciary Committee. But since he never has mentioned that in any of his presentations, I am going to say that he has no intention of doing that. And if he does it, then you will know you have been had. You have been took. You have been suckered. The Director does not expect anybody to analyze and evaluate what they're asking for. Senator Hannibal, I think, may have been at the committee hearing when I was asking the warden why they cut out an art club. The warden wanted to say that they had a hobby club and since it involved the same people, the same supervisor, and it was just a name, then it didn't mean anything, so they cut it out. And I asked him if it did involve