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this would strike is Section...or Program number 14 and constructs additional housing at the Omaha Congress...or Correctional Center, ha, fiscal year 1989-90 at \$1,640,900 of General Fund.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lynch. Senator Lynch. Senator Hall, would you care to discuss it? Senator Dierks on deck.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, Senator Hannibal, if you would yield to a question...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Sure.

SENATOR HALL: ...on this section. Gary, what is the million six that is going to be used for additional housing? What is the purpose behind that? Where did the need come from and can you explain the appropriation or the need for that additional money?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Hall, there is a little narrative in the budget book again and the easy answer is to look on page 16, 150-bed minimum security unit, still utilize existing laundry, medical food service facilities at the Omaha Correction Center. The facility is slated for completion in the next fiscal year. It will have an annual operating cost of 786,000. To answer your question a little more specifically, again, it's part of the four-pronged program to address the present population over the next biennium and the need for increasing our capacity. Some figures that I have here show the current population of 303 inmates at the Omaha correctional facility as of May 2nd. The current design capacity is 240. Our current population is 304. The design capacity is 240. The design capacity with the addition of this 150, obviously, will take us up to three hundred and...

SENATOR HALL: Four hundred even, maybe.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: ...390, excuse me, yes, 390. Our population projections under the current situation at the end of the '91-92...at the end of this biennium will be 428. So we will still, even with the addition of this, be above capacity.