

for them. Why not take a look at contracting with some of these counties who have jails that have to operate, who are operating at a deficit, in many cases, because they don't have anybody in them? Why not have the state appropriate monies, the same monies and probably less money that it would cost on an ongoing day to day basis to keep these individuals in what currently are beds or new and additional beds?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR HALL: We save the initial construction cost of brick and mortar and we can probably do it at a cheaper rate and still provide for security for these prisoners. I would urge the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Hannibal and Warner.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I think the strongest argument that I could give was on the prior amendment and I will offer it again on Select. These probably will go but I'm going...I'm hoping that others will address it. However, there is a matter of practical politics we have to look at here. We know the Lincoln senators are interested in economic development in Lincoln and they're going to support any project that brings more construction and money into this town even if it means to violate good principles and good policy. You will notice that if you add to the \$4.5 million that has been voted for Lincoln, and that's what it amounts to, an additional \$3,162,000 for the Lincoln facility that is being proposed, they come away with a grand total of \$7,703,000 added to their economy. That's what they want. That's why if you wanted to put 10 facilities here, they would vote it because it's money for them. It's employment for them in the constructing and that's what they would like to have. But I hope the rest of us will look at the policy questions, as I believe you did on the last issue, and if all of the people had been present who think the same way the 22 who voted aye think, we would have succeeded with that amendment. And, such being the case and not wanting to unduly prolong this discussion, I am not going to say much on this particular one. I will say a little more on the next one.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hannibal.