

200 bed, was authorized from the standpoint of setting the money aside should it be deemed to be used, but that before that fourth project was done that then a review of alternatives including alternative in sentencing, if that would be feasible, utilization of existing buildings that that might be feasible that the state owned somewhere; all the alternatives, probation, before that last 200 structure was authorized, that the Legislature should be reviewing and the institution reviewing all of those kind of options, or someone outside could do as well. But when you look at the fact that since 1984-85, the growth has been on the average of 116 individuals per year, obviously, even though there could be some other alternatives, the growth is such that the three projects that were suggested would not begin to meet the minimum percent...the minimum number of beds that ought to be available. With those three facilities, they would still be by the end of this biennium something in the vicinity of 135 to 140 percent of capacity. If we do nothing, you are at 149 percent of capacity. It takes two years, roughly, for any kind of construction to be done and occupied, and the three facilities that were approved for construction will not begin to meet those kinds of percentages that would be necessary, it seems to me, to keep the number of beds somewhere in line with the number of individuals that will be incarcerated. The Omaha facility is a minimum facility, there isn't any question, as is the 200 bed, and even though that one is done, we will still find ourselves, the state, with a substantial number of people that we'll not have room for another...and all the alternatives that people are talking about still might be considered. The reason for putting the money in, not authorized to be spent for the fourth facility, but the reason for putting the money in is to provide the same opportunities that others are talking about for a study for other alternatives that might be available, and we will, as I say, still be substantially high in percentages, and it seems to me that there isn't that much difference between differences of opinions as to what should be done; some construction now, and some study looking for other ways to not continue the problem into the future.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Move the previous question. Are there five hands? There are. Shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye,