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SPEAKER BARRETT: A number of lights who may or may not want to speak to the Moore amendment to the amendment. Senator Crosby, do you care to speak to it?

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, Senator Moore as usual, yes, I would, Mr. Speaker. I guess I think what I wanted to know fits in with all of this, but Senator Moore as usual managed now to confuse me. I had to make a whole bunch of notes there to be sure I understood what you are doing. I come from a law...my father was a law enforcement officer and he worked very hard most of his career keeping juveniles out of jail, and he was commended for that, and when he died, the editorial in the newspaper commended him for that. A lot of men came to...men, in particular, came to his funeral and told us that my Dad had helped them after they had gotten into trouble, helped them get back on the right track, had kept them out of jail and helped them to rehabilitate. We have always been very proud of him for that, a man with a third grade education, not too bad. So over the years, I follow law enforcement and keep track of prison reform and that kind of thing because it is just sort of a built-in thing from my childhood. I have two or three questions, and I think maybe, Senator Hannibal, you seem to be on the dime all afternoon on this particular...but these are just easy ones.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: I have one other reason for wanting to know about a couple of these things, too. Just to refresh my memory, when was the new one out here built in Lincoln, and when was the new one in Omaha built? Just approximately, how many years ago were those new facilities?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: 1984 was the Omaha facility, 240 beds, and '82 was the other one, '82 was the Lincoln facility.

SENATOR CROSBY: It just doesn't seem that long ago, thank you. That shows, I guess, how quickly things change and I guess my comment in particular is that until we come up with, the Legislature, or courts, or whomever, would do this, would come up with a firm in-place program of alternative sentencing and in-house arrest and so on, and get the people and the equipment