

that I've given you I said is a mere sampling, not selective, not eliminating cases involving White people. They don't have them. And the one White woman that I've mentioned before whose house they found cocaine, marijuana plants growing in the basement, guns and knives, had her charge dismissed and they just charged her with a misdemeanor. There are a lot of factors that bear on the problem of overcrowding, either at the entry level where you may have convictions occurring that shouldn't, or, after convictions have occurred, people being sentenced to incarceration who should not. The population within the institution can be controlled through the manipulation of the internal disciplinary procedure. By writing people up and taking away their good time, the sentence that they serve is extended, and the way good time works in Nebraska is that when you go into the prison a certain amount of time, to make it simple for me, I think the first year you might get... have to serve eight months to get credit for four months good time, and every year after that it's nine months per year and three months good time, something like that. So what they do is total up the number of years you were sentenced. They they subtract the good time that you're entitled to, and if you commit infractions of the rules, then they take away that good time. And for every day of good time they take away from you, that day is added to the sentence that you serve. Because there are so many men in the Nebraska Penal Complex serving out good time when they reached a stage out there where it was felt that there had to be some relief in the overcrowding, they were able to let a goodly number of men go, not by cutting their sentence but by not making them serve that dead time for lost good time. The biggest dollar amount in this proposition that I'm trying to eliminate is over \$4 million for a hole. They call it an Adjustment Center. It would add a total of 44 beds, over \$4 million with a net total of 40 additional beds, 44. The overcrowding is not caused by an inadequate Adjustment Center. If there, indeed, is overcrowding in the Penitentiary, it's among the garden variety people who were sentenced there. And, yet, that is not being addressed by the largest expenditure of money. There has been no comprehensive study undertaken by an independent entity to determine the justification for additional construction, or even the need for it. The prison population in this country, since 1980, has increased by 90 percent, has increased by 90 percent.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.