

talk about the study, does appropriate money for a study. There will be a resolution. How the study would be performed is not contained in the appropriation bill, but there will be a subsequent resolution introduced as to how it should be done, which gives the Legislature, when we have less time pressures but yet this session, to discuss the make-up of such a study, but the money would be appropriated to the Legislative Council and under the control of the Legislature. That part needs to go ahead but, in my opinion at least, we also need to do at least these two construction projects irregardless of how many other programs we'll be able to develop, necessary programs that become or will serve as a deterrent to the need for construction beyond what is authorized in LB 814 now. I would urge that we would not place the state in the position that we become even more crowded for the next two years. Some of these other alternative programs, alternative sentencing, alternative programs that are preventive in nature certainly need to go forward but the results of those are not going to be there that quickly, and I don't believe that we can explain to the citizens across this state as much as they probably are not enthusiastic about building more construction. I don't think you can explain the inadequacy of any facilities at whatever type of correction facilities to handle the number of people involved, and obviously at some point we do run into the very good likelihood of being under court orders and, should that happen, as has happened in some states, then the state will have even less control over what is done. We will essentially do what is directed. And if there is problems with the court system in sentencing, obviously the chance runs that you would also have problems with what the courts would tell us we had to do.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: I think this is a step toward a part of the solution in the short run and the long run solution will be incorporated with the amendment that will be before you a little bit later that Senator Scofield will be discussing.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President and members, I, too, have to rise and urge you to reject, and I do this reluctantly because I said on General File that, frankly, there's nothing more difficult than voting for building prisons. It's not fun. It's not anything any of us are going to want to go home and brag