

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Senator Langford.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Call the question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Shall debate cease? Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 15 ayes, 11 nays, to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate does not cease. Senator Schellpeper, would you care to discuss? Thank you. Senator Warner, followed by Senator Korshoj. Senator Warner, would you like to discuss?

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I wanted to recite some of the history and, Senator Chambers, you and I at least will be two that were here when some of these...well all of these discussions took place, but there was a study on the prison. Made some reference back in 1973, as I recall. I think someone told me it was a \$90,000 study at that time done by the judiciary. I forget who did it now. But, in any event, from that the estimated population that was to be planned for for the year 1990 male, adult male inmate population was 916. Then there was legislation enacted that did construct some more facilities and there was a lot of problems with that siting one thing and another, location. But, in any event, in the spring of '78, when most of that final planning appropriation was done, we did it for a population of 1,306. And I can remember a very major part of some of those discussions, not only on the floor but off the floor when the issue was being dealt with, was that somehow or other we were going to limit this space and that was going to address some of the issues that Senator Chambers talks about now that I freely agreed exist. But that 1,306 that we planned for today has a population of 2,046. So even though the concept which, incidentally, that was if you have 250 on work release is the magic (inaudible) of much of that discussion, was that we were going to have lots of emphasis on work release 'cause that was an alternative to and a good chance to help people get trained and get jobs, lead on with a productive life. And we have space now where we have people on at 182 less than was planned for, but the point I wanted to make is that we attempted to control it by the size in 1978, the number of sentences, and it simply has not addressed the issue. My understanding is that there are