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you can answer them. I don't need to make any big comments. In your amendment, you give the...the one thing that concerned me in particular about the original legislation is that the study was going to be made in-house by the Department of Corrections. That concerned me because I think that we can't all be...always be objective about our own work. In your amendment, you're giving the \$10,000 for a study to the Legislative Council, which I understand is the Legislature, right?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR CROSBY: And then you...maybe you would envision, these are my questions, would you envision that the Legislature would choose what I would call professionals from outside who would this who would not have anything to do with the study Legislature nor the Department of Corrections? And you want it back by November of 1989. Then, if they come back and say that we do need more buildings, how would you pull that in to the way you feel now, 'cause I have some of the same feelings? I know what you feel. You think it's like anything, if you build a building you're going to fill it up some way or another. But just tell me how you think that this study group would work and where those people would come from, how we would get them, and who they would be responsible to. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Crosby and members of the Legislature, when that amendment was drafted, nothing had been done such as what we did the other day in eliminating \$3 million for that projected Lincoln facility if it were needed, so the amendment tried to track as much as possible the language that was in the statute in the proposed bill. In view of the fact that Senator Scofield and the Appropriations Committee had talked about a study, I had indicated that if this amendment would be adopted that I'm offering now and I hope it will be, then the idea of the study could be worked into what they are proposing. They are talking about laying aside \$50,000 and authorizing the Executive Board to, I forget how it's stated, but authorize the study. So that would remove some of the concerns people might have about it being in-house in a way that could bias the outcome of the study, or an insufficient amount But in the proposed bill, only \$10,000 had been set of money. aside and it was to be given to the Department of Corrections. It was determined that if it is going to be done by an agency of the state it would be better to have the Legislative Research Department do it, and if.... Alright, so if this amendment is