

found that there was about 150 beds in various counties that is not being utilized but I know they said they needed about 450 beds or something. Could you respond real quick?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Well, if you look at that study that I referred to earlier, Senator Nelson, that came out of our own Research Department, even if you...if you put this off, you're still way above capacity. And so the contention there that somehow you can delay this, to me, does not seem to be a reasonable alternative and if you want to see the material, I don't know if you've seen that or not, it's over here, but essentially we're talking about maybe a difference between 150 percent capacity to 120 percent capacity and clearly both, even if you take both alternatives together at this point, diversion and additional facilities, it still doesn't completely solve the problem. We're still going to have a lot of work to do.

SENATOR NELSON: I realize that. I think it was about three or four hundred beds yet short, see, but that was a concern. With that, I probably will be supporting the Chambers amendment and I know it's a serious problem. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Crosby if there is anything you would like to put to me to get me to answer more precisely what you may have been asking?

SENATOR CROSBY: No. No, thank you very much. You covered it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, Senator Lindsay was just asking me about the depth and comprehensiveness of the studies that had been done, both by the legislative staff, I meant Research, and the one that I mentioned that came from the Department of Corrections. Neither of them had the depth or the breadth that a study should have before we embark on a construction program that will cost millions of dollars and which even if done will not touch the problem of overcrowding. I would envision a study of the kind that I touched on before that is envisioned by the Appropriations Committee, that in the same way we go into all aspects of those issues that bear on the problem and what alternatives are available for solving it, we should bring that