

kind of study to bear on this situation. It wouldn't be where we could build a multimillion dollar structure, find out that it's inadequate and say we made a mistake and we'll redo it, so we want to withdraw that. You add money on top of that. And everybody who has supported the building plan from the Department of Corrections to those members on the Appropriations Committee say that by the time the building envisioned in their proposal is completed the overcrowding is still there. So how is that addressing the problem? Is it that there is not enough will to frankly admit that this is a situation that's out of control and massive building needs to occur? If that is what is believed, that is the kind of program that should be offered. Then we could at least say that that which is recommended is coextensive with the problem that it is supposed to solve. But if you tell me that you're going to have a gallon of people and you're going to build a teacup sized facility, then that teacup size facility is a wasted expenditure. And if it can be shown, not only from the experience of Nebraska but other states, that those who try to build their way out of this problem dig a hole deeper and deeper and deeper and postpone the day when they must deal with the underlying sociological, economic, racial, ethnic problems, they merely delay it. But they must be confronted. And we should be trying to confront them at a time when there might be a little space for us to avoid some more serious problems. I see the problems that are developing, but to say it sometimes is taken by some people to be an advocacy of these things. So you don't hear me talking on the floor in detail about a long hot summer, either in the streets or in the prisons, but I deal with a lot of people and I've talked to a lot of people and I know what frame of mind is existing. For businessmen to put up 700 and something thousand dollars to try to provide some programs to stave off this problem should let you all realize that they see the seriousness of it. Everybody who addresses it seriously will say that building more jails and prison is not the solution. And maybe those who support this building will say that it is not the solution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If it's not the solution, we shouldn't do it. I don't believe there is a person on this floor, including myself, who can say that there has been a study definitive enough to justify this program. People are going on the basis of a hunch or a gut feeling, and if they go through with the construction and when this new Adjustment Center is completed