

matter of fact, we have similar problems in the county penal system and municipal penal system as well. I applaud Senator Pirsch for bringing these...both of these bills to us. I think they will go a ways for us to try to eliminate some of the overcrowding problems and from an economic standpoint be able to solve those problems in a relatively efficient manner. I am pleased to see that the bill does say that this is a granting of a privilege which, in my mind, Senator Pirsch, is something that the offender will be volunteering for. Is that your understanding of this? Would you be willing to respond to that question?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes, this is not a right by any means.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: It's not a right, nor is it a requirement.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Nor is it a requirement and it is judged on each case, each offender, whether this is appropriate.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: And the offender will have the ability to decline.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Oh, I see what you're getting at. In other words, yes, the offender can decline or if they do want this, then there are other arrangements to pay for that electronic surveillance. But, yes, they may decline and they may prefer to go to jail and that is their prerogative.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Fine, and I think that's an important part of this because there are some that choose not to and some that find it more difficult to do that than to serve other more traditional ways, but I do support the bill and I would urge its advancement.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Any other discussion? Senator Pirsch, closing.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Move to advance.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of LB 399 to E & R for engrossment. Those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, motion is carried. The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, have you anything for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have amendments to be printed from