

jail longer, so I think when you look at corrections in particular you have to be really careful of taking away any support staff because those people, the staff at any correction facility are dealing with people who have real problems. They're problems that you and I can't even fathom because we haven't been through any kind...we haven't committed a crime that we've been put in jail for. So from that point of view I think when you look at corrections you have to keep that in mind, that the population in corrections are people who have ongoing long-term problems in most cases and if and when they are paroled and come out, I read another one, a parolee that's having a problem right now, they have a hard time going back into society. So psychology, I would think, would be a big part of that, so thank you.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you. Senator Wehrbein.

**SENATOR WEHRBEIN:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, thank you, Senator Crosby, you did a very good job of explaining that. I want to enlarge upon it a little bit. This is...first of all, it's for two accredited psychologists because of a bill we passed in 1993, LB 669, via the Health Department, said we had to have licensed psychologists and so we have had to license these. These are two new people that will be licensed for that and it's because of the increasing work load. I'm not sure, recently we were at 148 percent of capacity in our prison system and so we have an expanding work load. If it isn't evident, I'll state it. It is and that is the reason for these increasing staffing and they have to be accredited via the bill that we passed in 1993, 132 percent is the current figure I guess of capacity in the prisons. So whether we like it or not these are important positions and if we're going to do any rehabilitation, I would assume that these positions in particular would be valuable toward that end. So I oppose that. I appreciate Senator Avery's effort to do something in this area, but it's another one of these frustrating areas that this issue is with us, crime is with us, the results of crime are with us and our prisons are full because of it. Hopefully we can do some rehabilitation with these two particular jobs. It's...we have...this takes us from three to five by the way.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Avery, you're recognized to close.

**SENATOR AVERY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Wehrbein, would