

is now, the Director of County Corrections in Scottsbluff and he had been in one of the southern states and he told me down there when they first started the idea they put some money into it and then after a couple years it was so expensive that the Legislature did not want to put anymore money into it so they stopped putting in money for programs and degenerated to the military style aspect and it may have been a situation where they just decided to drop the thing altogether. But, again, it's one of those alluring things, not created by penologists or those who have an understanding of and appreciation for what corrections are to be about. Senator Matzke may speak on this so I'm not going to take away from what he is going to say, if he does, but we had talked about this. And one thing we did agree on, and I've talked to Senator Hillman, if we were of a mind to do something about juvenile crime, juvenile crime, we would spend money and time at this level with a system that we already have, making sure that it is adequately staffed and funded. We don't want the facilities where we send our children to be warehouses. We want competent, qualified staff. We want programs and a structured setting which can help make up for deficiencies that the child may have been exposed to during his or her years before coming into this facility. Prevention should be the goal. But we're not going to be able... prevent...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to prevent every juvenile or every young person who is above the level of a juvenile...I will use the terms interchangeably, we should make sure that the facility where these people are housed is a facility where we can aim at an improvement in their conduct and their understanding and attitude. This idea of having people doing push-ups, running up and down hills, and I did that when I was in the infantry, but at least there was a direct relationship between that kind of training and why we were doing it. We were going to be carrying flame throwers, some of them weighed 70 pounds, because I carried one, or these big old M-1 rifles that weighed about 11 pounds but they felt like 20, and all such things as that, there was a reason for the training. To just have somebody out there going through this for no purpose is counterproductive and I think will make them antisocial just waiting for somebody to explode on the outside because they can't do it to their drill instructor in there.