

\$3,506,000. There's been quite a bit of discussion of the need for modular housing or increased housing at the State Penitentiary, state correctionals, I should say. It's broader than just the penitentiary. I'm going to have a handout. There is a handout that Senator Maurstad had, thank you, Senator Maurstad, I'll use yours at this point, showing the inmate count, that's coming around. We are at about 100, in varying units, 140 to 200 percent of capacity in many areas. The modular housing is a proposal by the Governor's Office to efrace this housing overcrowding. I will say the committee felt strongly that we ought to proceed with a 480-bed unit, which would cost upwards of \$50 million. Instead, we put in the planning money, and as a result of this amendment are proposing doing a 200-bed unit in contrast to the recommendation of the Governor, which is a 300-bed unit. In fact, I understand there's a press conference going on out at that area right at this time, at ten o'clock, showing the need for this. This is an effort to get on-line sooner with these modular units. They will be minimum-medium concern...security units. The idea will be to put mostly minimum security inmates in there from other locations, in kind of a day room or 50-bed...50-bed area for control. It's an effort to...they're more at least less expensive than going to more secure facilities. The committee has felt that perhaps temporary isn't the right word, but they are not particularly long life. The life on these runs 35 to 40 years. It could be used in the future for other programming. But it is an effort to start to meet the needs of...the needs of our correctional facilities. The committee felt strongly that we ought maybe not do this and move ahead with a larger, 480-bed unit, which I said again costs more money. But we also were persuaded that we ought to put this on the board for us to look at and at least get started. The original proposal was 5.3 million. This represents two-thirds of that. It's my feeling that it is somewhat less money, but it's an effort to get started and that next year we could perhaps move along rapidly on a larger unit. I'm going to have an amendment up later to discuss that in greater depth about the need for more space. And as I would call your attention to the populations that we have at the various units in the adult institutions particularly, that was handed out to see the point that we are making for the need for this. This would be ready in January of 1998, if we were to build this modular unit. I have extensive diagrams, costs and so forth. If there's interest in that as to what we would do, others have used this. California, we have a