

road that we're going. I do not believe it will help in the long term and we need to get started on that. The Wehrbein amendment that will be coming up will simply say that we'll instruct the Department of Corrections to begin building a prison and that monies will be put in to the outlying years in order to accomplish that. And I plan on supporting that proposal. I don't like to spend the money.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It may take it from other areas I don't want, but we've got to be truthful to the public, and if we're going to do these things, we have to put the monies there and be realistic with them so Senator Schimek's constituents and my constituents and others...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...who say we want to get tougher on crime but don't spend money on prisons, they have to understand that you can't do one without the other so I'll be interested in the discussion. And when those amendments come up, I suspect it'll be a little bit more active. But thank you, Senator Lindsay.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Hillman announces the following guests are visiting the Legislature. Duane Stott is here from Gering, Nebraska. Mr. Stott, will you stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. Some of the justification for this plan is it's somewhat innovative and is being done in a couple of other states. And I did some research, had some research done on two of the states that have been cited as where this type of thing has been done before. And one of them is Texas, and while they don't use the term "modular unit," they talk about expansion dormitories largely because of the types of inmates that they house, primarily trustees and some medium security inmates. Some of the information that I found out was shortly after Texas first built an expansion dormitory in 1983-1984, inmates actually kicked out a wall of one of the dorms during a prison disturbance when guards fired gas into the building. There's demonstration that