

SENATOR PEDERSEN: ...that knows what they're doing. I don't care if you keep them 20 years. If you haven't done something with them while they're there, you have wasted your time. They will come out the way they were treated and then we will have some of them back. And if we don't have them back here, they'll go in another state where they go back. It's going to be a difficult, difficult problem for all of us as it is for the state. But I reemphasize what everybody else has said, we cannot send these people to jail and expect it to be uncostly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Governor Robak and members, I wanted to draw to your attention that the green sheet that was passed out by my good friend, Senator Maurstad, who I agree with quite a bit of the time, quoted Harold Clarke six times, but I guess we could quote him during his testimony any number of times more than that. But there's at least a couple of quotes that were not used in that green sheet, and one was, and I'll dig it out and write it down when I get the time and share it with you so you know it's true, that when all of it was said and done, Harold Clarke also agreed because he was walking a thin line, working for an administration, trying to do a good job as a professional running the jail, the prisons, that given the circumstance we have right now, given the population we have in the facilities and the potential for even more people, especially in the adolescent teenage years, that we got to have the modular. Senator Wehrbein does not like the modular system. I'm not going to quote him, but he thought it was important to share this issue with you and he raised the issue after I believe it was once dead in the Appropriations Committee because he knew it was something important enough for us to talk about so that we can discuss, as we are right now, the total program and picture as it involves...as it involves the prisons. But I also can't help but think I heard a radio ad, I hate to bring politics into this, by the Republican party as it involves Governor Nelson and it mentioned how Governor Nelson, along with his good liberal friend, Senator Chambers, has caused this problem because they're letting all these crooks out early. And another one of the quotes that Senator Maurstad did not use was that Harold Clarke thinks that this good time issue has been a savings grace for the prisons at this time and in fact been very good as it