

otherwise. So this is a Catch-22 we're in. I don't know where you're going to get 55 million. We haven't got money to take care of people now that have disabilities or handicapped and elderly and the rest. We haven't even solved our tax problem yet. So think about that. Nobody likes this, but the buildings can be used for a lot of things besides housing prisoners and I'm sure Warden Clarke would use them and place people in them to cause as little misery as possible for the prison and for the state and for society.

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

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President, members of the body, Senator Wehrbein, could I ask you some questions?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: See if I'm right, I'll ask the question, if we had 55 million today, what would be the time line to build a prison? Say that we had \$55 million, how long does it take to do the process for build...that's one question. And do you see this...these modular process being just a stopgap; that we need to build a prison eventually with...but you're talking an amendment down the road that will add a cent sales tax to the money for a prison; that this is just kind of a temporary thing even though they're going to last 30 years and that, even though we do the modular, we're also going to need the...a permanent prison within the very near future?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Senator Hartnett, that's what I think. But "temporary" may be a little bit of an unfortunate term because it implies they're temporary construction. That's not necessarily the case. It is good construction, but I see that we need to build something permanent. That's what the Appropriations Committee settled on originally, that don't bother with the modular, get to building a permanent 480-bed unit. The dilemma we have, the modulars will come on in the spring of '88 (sic), a full-sized unit as we're talking, the 55 million unit probably would be the spring of '99. That's three years out obviously. And so one of the reasons that I personally came to the decision that we probably needed to do the modular, especially if we were not going to act posthaste on