

Services issues. And one of the members of the committee in discussing what we were going to do to address our overcrowding said that no federal court will force us to spend money on preventative activities to hopefully keep some of these juveniles who are on the road to a life of crime out of the penitentiary, but they will force us to build another prison. So that was something that we really did think about a great deal in our deliberations, is a balanced approach to making sure that we were addressing some aspects of prevention and also addressing the space problems that we have. We've had a lot of discussion today about numbers of beds, and I am speaking specifically to the modulars and some of the concerns that I have about the modulars as a way to address the problem that we have. No one on the Appropriations Committee disagrees that we have a serious overcrowding situation. The modular units, as you may see from the diagrams that I passed out, are minimum to medium security facilities because they're open-dorm facilities, 50-bed units. And you'll also see that we've drawn a line across the middle of the diagram. That's because the Corrections officials anticipate building a wall so that they will actually be 25-bed units but that wall will be open so that they can move back and forth. And so from an ability to control the situation, it's not going to have a lot of impact, but it is going to make the units a little bit smaller. The state penitentiary is a medium to maximum facility, but we're locating the modulars at the state penitentiary. That's because the state penitentiary has some of the...it has space for one thing, it has large industry availability so that there are activities for the inmates. It has two mess halls, a fully staffed hospital and, most importantly, it has a high security perimeter. And the hope is that by having the high security perimeter you can take what are essentially minimum security facilities and turn them into medium security facilities. But you'll also see in the charts that I passed out in terms of the growth, and we've had a lot of talk about numbers of beds, but I think we need to look at what kinds of beds that we're going to need. And if you'll look at the chart, the graphs, medium is the area that is growing that we're already over. Our design capacity is 690. We have 993 right now and we anticipate by 1999 having design capacity of 690 and needing space for 1,436. And so it's not just looking at whether we're addressing beds as a whole.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.