

SENATOR BROWN: It's whether those beds actually address the needs that we have. We're looking at staffing of 29 staff that are direct staff, 28 support staff, that's 24 hours a day. And certainly the Department of Corrections is going to do a really good job, as good as they can, in screening these individuals. But as someone... I think Senator Maurstad said, the level at medium is a pretty high level. And so even if it's well screened, we already have trustee dorms, 200 inmates in trustee dorms. Is this really going to meet the needs of where we're having the growth and is it going to be secure enough? And what really concerns me is that we may be providing a solution to a... we hope we're providing a solution to a problem, but we may just be trying to make the problem fit the solution that we've devised that we think will sell politically and will be affordable to us.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: And I think that we really have to know a lot more about what we're getting into before we think that it is going to solve the overcrowding problem...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: ...that we really have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. And I have some questions and I appreciate Senator Brown's statements and maybe she can answer some of these questions for me.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Brown.

SENATOR JENSEN: And I think I heard Senator Crosby mention the fact that these are a 40- to 50-year life building. Is that correct?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes, that's what we were told, yes. They're going to be brick construction.

SENATOR JENSEN: Okay. So it definitely is not a temporary