

you presented on this sheet, you would be...we would be only addressing within the modular units the minimum security or medium security offender. Is that correct?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes. If...the people who would be going into the modular units would probably be the least serious of the offenders that are housed at the penitentiary because the penitentiary houses the more serious of the offenders that are housed anywhere in the system.

SENATOR JENSEN: Okay. Then if we do add 3 of these units, 100 per unit or 300, that still is not going to take care of the long-term needs of the penitentiary. Is that correct?

SENATOR BROWN: Based on the projections that we have on the sheet with the graph,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...no.

SENATOR JENSEN: Okay. Well, thank you, Senator Brown, for that information. And it is good to know what the cost and what we're looking at in long-term construction. I, too, did send out a survey within my district and did ask the question, would you pay the cost for extra beds for prisons to get the prisoners off the streets, or not the prisoners, get offenders off the street? And I did get a reply that, yes, they would. As to how much, that wasn't in there because I did not know also how much that might be. We do have a problem. There's no question about it. I really thank the Appropriations Committee for bringing this forward and it is something that this community and the state are going to have to address both on a short-term, it looks to me like, and a long-term process.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Janssen announces that the following guests are visiting the Legislature. There are 45 fifth graders here from Clarmar Elementary in Fremont with their teachers. They are in the north balcony. Will you all stand and be recognized, please.