

Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Janssen, your light is next.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Madam Lieutenant Governor and members of the body. I get calls from constituents saying we have to get tough on crime. And I ask them, you know, are you willing to pay the piper? Ninety percent say, yes, we're willing to pay that price. And I tell you something. If you want to dance, you're going to have to pay the fiddler. These facilities that we're talking about certainly we're saying their modular homes and they're not permanent. They're not permanent. Well, I remember some of the facilities that I was in when I first went into the Army were built during World War I or pre-World War II and they were to be temporary facilities. And if you'd go back to some of those posts right now, those buildings are still standing in there and they're still using them. These modular facilities that will be built if we so desire I am sure will be used for a lot longer than 40 years, 30 or 40 years. They can be used for something else so it's not going to be money in my estimation anyway that is going to be poured down the drain. I think they always need buildings at correctional facilities. They will find some use for them as Senator Crosby alluded to a short time ago. I've supported getting tougher on crime, yes, I have. But I'm willing to stand up here and say if we're going to do that, by George, we're going to have to pay for it. We're going to have to pay for it. We don't have the money right now to go ahead with a permanent facility. We can probably start laying it away and there's nothing wrong with that. But if we can appropriate a small amount of money now to correct a situation that needs to be addressed now, I can't see anything wrong with it. I can't go home and say we're...yes, we passed legislation that is going to help lock up more violent criminals and so on and say but I would not help pay for housing for them. That's ridiculous. And I'd like to give the rest of my time to Senator Schimek. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RCBK: Senator Schimek, there's two and a half minutes remaining.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I was just telling Ray that was good timing. He said he'd give me half of his time and he was just on the mark. I rise again to talk about the staffing situation in our