

Corrections Department. And somebody from the lobby just gave me some information which seems incredible to me because I thought we had taken care of this problem. And really the reason I want to talk about it is because I am concerned about the safety of the people both who are incarcerated and the people who staff the correctional facilities. I think it is our responsibility. But I am told that between security and housing staff that there was an accumulation of 8,355 hours of overtime this last year which translates into 12,533 hours of paid time, in other words time and a half, plus 696 days off for security and unit staff. Now I'm going to check on these figures and I'm going to come back here with a proposal on Select File to increase the number of staff members. I mean you could hire a great number of staff members for the same amount that we're paying out in overtime.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: It doesn't make any sense to me. So I'm going to be looking into that. I also might tell you that this same information says that in 1979 each unit out at LCC had 11 staff members. In 1996, each unit has 10 staff members, a decrease of one, for twice as many inmates who are maximum/medium rather than medium/minimum. Now you figure it. How safe is it? It can't be as safe as it was in 1979, and I say that even though I recognize you can't staff to prevent all incidents; but you can staff to the safety factor and to the factor of overtime and staff who are tired, who get sick because they've been working too many hours, all those types of things...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...figure into the safety factor. I'll be back on Select. Thanks.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members. Again, I guess we're getting to the point that we're being somewhat repetitive and I guess I'm no exception. But I think it's important to look at some of the things I guess that are coming across our desks. Pam Brown's chart on the DCS population projections does give us some indication of what we're looking at assuming that the design capacity, part of that chart remains