

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just want to take a minute because I really said what I wanted to say on Senator Janssen's time. But somebody said something about the state penitentiary being 80 years or so old. And I just want to clarify that the present facility was built and opened in 1981 so it isn't a really old facility. It's on the site of the old penitentiary which opened in 1869. If you think about it, most of our prison system has been built since the early 1980s so I just wanted to clarify the record. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just a few more things about prison here. We already have one of these units. It's not...the unit itself is not a modular unit out there, but at NSP, the Nebraska State Pen, which is the most maximum secure facility we have, there is a unit there called, I know they've changed the name, I don't know what that is, but I'm going to call it T-dorm, T as in Tom. It's been called T-dorm for a long time. There's three dormitories in it. At the present time, there is 215 people in it and it was built for 150 and they live in a dormitory fashion, and Corrections does a pretty good job of taking care of this. It's not again, like I said before, it's not the best situation as far as you have fights and things like that, but it's considered a medium secure facility within the confines of a maximum security facility. It's fenced off different inside of the maximum security facility, NSP. LCC is a maximum security facility. OCC in Omaha is a medium security facility, and the only minimum security facilities we have are the two community correction centers and the one in Hastings Regional Center. NCTC, the treatment center out at Airpark, is a medium security facility. What I mentioned before is we need to take a look at what type of prisoners we're getting and what type of housing we need for them. There are a couple of different things that we need to take a look at. One of the things I want to add on the prison side is we haven't talked at all about our special population. In each one of these units there's a special population, PC,