

real neat unit. I've toured many other units, but that would be another area...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: ...that we may need to take a look at. Thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I appreciate the kind remarks that have been directed towards the Appropriations Committee. Of the nine members on the committee, I'm sure most of them are more knowledgeable about prisons than I am; but we did spend some time on this issue. And I happen to be one that thinks we need to expand, we need to do it quick, therefore, we need the modulars. But we also need the new prison for maximum security. I certainly appreciate the expertise of Senator Pedersen, but it's something we need to do. I hope the voters out there understand that. I haven't had anybody tell me, say, well, we've got an overcrowding problem, turn those prisoners loose early. That doesn't happen in rural Nebraska anyway. I don't think it happens across the state. I'm going to make my remarks brief so that concludes what I have to say, but I would relinquish some time to Senator Maurstad if he has some thoughts.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Schrock. I just wanted to make a couple of final comments and first of all, I guess I'm a little disappointed that there are others that don't see this as critical an issue as what it is. And I'm a little disappointed in the...that we don't have a few more members on the floor to try to work through this situation. I want to comment first of all on a couple of things that Senator Chambers has indicated and one of the reasons why the Appropriations Committee in our preliminary discussion provided some prevention dollars in the area of Juvenile and it was again because of, from my perspective, something that Director Clarke indicated. He indicates you're correct in that California is just building structures and they're housing people. They're warehousing people. But they are warehousing and there's no