

point due to overcrowding. It is not the answer that the, originally that the Appropriations Committee proposed to do. If I had my druthers I would go right to a 400 bed unit, 480 bed unit. Practically speaking I assume that that's not practical in terms of raising the funds to do that or do it in this particular year. But, be that as it may, we do have a serious problem. The modular approach is one way to do it. We are proposing two, at least the majority of the Appropriations Committee is. I concur with that somewhat reluctantly to the extent that we need...that to do it might would be, once again, to go to the 480-bed unit. Other hand we have to recognize this problem. It's something that we can move on this, at this point even would be spring of '98 before it would come on line. If you want to do more, you're going to have an opportunity with Senator Lindsay's amendment later on, I understand. We have attempted to attack this on a broad base in the crime issue, in a broad base in the whole budget, in the committee, the original committee amendments we are, which we are amending at this point, as I mentioned, additional probation officers, additional funds to Juvenile Services, additional funding at Kearney, additional funding to replace federal funds in the Juvenile Services. So even though this is not the total answer, is an effort to get at what we are concerned about in potential lawsuits down the road, sooner or later. It's an attempt to get immediately to, to the issue. And, from that standpoint, I concur. That's one of the reasons the committee has brought this as an amendment to get started on something immediately, and we can let the next issue of a larger 480-bed unit stand on its own. I will be making that point soon for the need for that. But, once again, practically speaking, I realize it is probably not going to happen this year. This is, from my viewpoint, the next best thing and must be done.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You've heard the closing. The issue before the body is the Wehrbein amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1189.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Roll call vote.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Roll call vote has been requested. Did someone say reverse order? Reverse order has been requested. Who asked for the reverse order, please? Senator Avery. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.