

apparently, within our society, we are getting more. And I am going to have a proposal after this one to proceed, as I said. I have the amendment. It should be handed out by now so you know that I'm serious, even though I will withdraw it. I do not have the method of financing in it at this point, which I will also talk about later because it is not appropriate on this bill. If we were to finance it, technically it has to go on another bill of revenue. That's the reason it's not in this amendment because that was going to be my original proposal. Back to this particular modular issue, the 100-bed addition, like I say it's kind of difficult to argue against that, but as we allocate our resources and try to make priorities, it is my feeling especially that we need to save that 1.7 million either for something else that some of you may want in some of the other areas that are coming along. We are not going to have enough money even in the...above the minimum reserve to do all the funding that many of you want to do. That was my original proposal here, to go with the 200. Maybe it won't solve the problem, but 300 probably won't solve all of the problem either. That was the original Appropriations Committee proposal was to proceed with directly into this 480-bed unit. Now I know Senator Lindsay has an amendment following this to take out the planning money, saying that we can proceed without that money. I probably will...I probably will support that because I do think we have enough studies to show we can make a rational decision with what to do with our prisons in another year, if that's what it's going to be, without spending the money to do it. We have lots of studies. We had a blue ribbon committee, supposedly, I didn't get to look back, but I remember Governor, former Governor Morrison was the head of it; Gary Hannibal was on that. There is a study somewhere, why haven't we implemented some of that already if that is a possible solution? Part of that problem is I am sure that intensive probation costs money, more probation officers cost money, more parole officers cost money. Everything we do costs more money, including incarceration. So I'm going to...so for the sake, once again, of making a decision, making a priority decision, I'm going to oppose an additional modular unit because we've had that, much of this same discussion ourselves in Appropriations, and save that money at this point for some other pressing needs that we are going to have, and I just want the body alert to that, including the homestead exemption, by the way. We are going to let...the Governor is going to end up making some vetoes to allocate...to allow for money for some of the spending I think