

an analysis. You know, what we're, basically, trying to face is, what is the best way to address our current problem. I am sure it is not going to be a surprise that I don't support the Lindsay amendment. I didn't support building two temporary facilities that will place the inmates and the correctional officers in peril that I don't think they need to be placed in, so I am, obviously, not going to support three. I think our first course of action, our first course of action should be to build the permanent facility and not...not develop temporary solutions, especially without the commitment of the Legislature or the administration of building a permanent facility after that we build two or three of the temporary facilities. We talk about that this is not going to completely address the situation, but I don't see...I don't see anybody stepping up and saying so the first step will be the temporary and the second step will be the permanent, and I will support that, and that's what I think needs to occur, and it is the only circumstance that I could be supportive of building temporary facilities is if everyone else that has opposed my efforts and wants to build the temporary facilities is willing to commit on the permanent facility. You know we're talking about a cause and effect situation, we've tried to deal with the cause to a certain extent. You know crime fighters have to back their conviction with the resources to deal with the effects of those actions, and it's not just building prisons. I'll just mention one that Senator Hillman mentioned yesterday relative to community policing and the bill that is out there to address those ways of effectively dealing with crime and also the prison population. So I hope people will begin to deal with this in a cause and effect situation. I hope people, those that like to portray themselves as crime fighters have the conviction to back that feeling up with a similar conviction to provide resources in this area, recognizing that that probably means reducing spending in other areas or some sort of an increase in revenue. But that, of course, is not a popular topic during 1996. So I'm going to oppose the Lindsay amendment. I certainly understand Senator Lindsay's position, he makes good arguments for building the temporary facilities. But without the commitment by the Legislature and the administration to build the permanent facility that has been on the drawing board for a number of years, I can't, at this juncture, be supportive of a stopgap solution. Thank you, Madam President.

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