

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, well, no, (laughter) Senator Lindsay. Right, Senator... When they say...before they can say, jump, he jumps and says, is this far enough? But I think Senator Lindsay really, and we know this, is trying to help the Governor out, that's what Senator Lindsay is doing because...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Senator Lindsay has not been one to ever say that we can build our way out of this situation. He knows that if a crisis is created it will show the foolishness of the policies we've been adopting recently with these crime bills, because when the federal government orders the release of people, you're going to begin to see that the ones you've given the longest, stiffest sentences to are the ones who you would say should not be in prison for that long a time. But there is no rationality behind what we do, it's politically based. What Senator Lindsay is doing is driven by politics. But, Senator Lindsay, the stinginess of your colleagues is going to rescue you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Before continuing, Senator Lindsay has as his guests, in the north balcony, 40 students from Blackburn Senior High in Omaha, and with them are their teachers. (Introduced teachers.) Would you all stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you for being here today. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Chambers, I'm going to be asking you a question or two, hopefully you'll feel comfortable in answering those today rather than yielding them to Senator Lindsay. But I've heard you use the argument of stinginess, I've heard you use the argument of, I assume, towards the Republican side that Senator Lindsay is carrying water for the Governor, so you don't want to do that. But I haven't heard you really talk about the real key issue and...for me anyway. And, Senator Chambers, what I'd like to have your perspective on is the present overcrowding situation. If we build two modular prisons does that actually help, in your judgment, you know, the overcrowding, even if it's temporary? And if it would help on the...if it helps on the two, then it might be a reasonable argument to say we don't need the three because we're just talking temporary anyway, or is it