

difference in regards to the overcrowding situation, we do take 1.7 million off the table. And I'm looking at, and this is where I bring Senator Chambers back into my philosophical debate going on within my own mind at least, is that if we're going to add 1.7 million, I hope it's because people think that only with the third one will we alleviate the short-term overcrowding problem. Because if it's just kind of the extra cushion, I think we need to think about what in fact we're doing with the dollars. We will once again be putting 1.7 million into brick and mortar for people who are already in the penitentiary system. But we did not...within the budget at this point there are the areas that we need to do to fight crime in the beginning. In the Governor's plan there was nothing for juvenile justice. Thank heavens for the Appropriations Committee. In the Attorney General's crime package there was nothing for kids in the beginning. In fact when I asked the Attorney General about the community-based programs, why he didn't have it in his crime package, you know what he said? He said, Senator, we have too many programs now and we have too many...we don't need to increase bureaucracy, we need to be cutting back on those. In my mind it was very clear he did not understand our process...so...what's going on out in our part of the state. So I asked him, I said, Mr. Attorney General, what programs out there, if you're a county judge and a juvenile comes before your court and you are the juvenile judge out there, what options do they have now that they can deal with those children? What programs are there, other than the probation and sending to Kearney or Geneva? And there was dead silence, he didn't know. He hadn't a clue that there are no programs out there. And so when I asked you, when...the silence was going to go on forever, so I basically said, would it surprise you to know that there are no programs out there? And his comment was, well, I'll have to take your word for it, Senator. Well I'm glad at least he did so. But my point being that if we absolutely feel that you have to have this third building, because the crisis will not be averted in the short-term, fine. But once again we'll be putting...taking 7.7 million off the table. And I couldn't get, with the veto that's been at least indicated was going to come on community-based, I couldn't even get the Governor to sign off on any community-based programs for kids, let alone at the expanded level, I couldn't get it done,...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.