

will push the Governor to put together one of those insane, so called crime bills, Senator Lindsay will carry it for him and the Legislature will pass it. Then it creates the problems that we have here today, and then people don't want to look back to the origin of the problem. And instead of addressing what created the problem that we're faced with today, we do things to aggravate it, then it becomes worse and we never realize that if we would turn off the spigot, what's coming out of it would stop coming out. That is what is so frustrating to me about having to be a member of a legislature. Senator Wehrbein finally had to say something that I've said on a number of occasions about being a benevolent dictator. To get the things done that need to be done requires a dictator, but not the kind that we've had now who are more demagog than benevolent dictator. The one who will look at the problems that have been created by narrow-minded, short-sighted politicians who have no concern about the long-term problems they are creating. They cause difficulties in the correction system, then turn their back on those situations and want the director and those few guards and correction officers to try to deal with it. Then they're going to build some Quonset huts and put gun powder and open fire in the Quonset hut, then when there's an explosion they're going to blame the director of corrections. If what you have in the penitentiary are violent criminals, some of them are violent, but the upsurge in the prison population is caused by people being sent there for drug offenses, and I'm not in favor of drug offenses. But because that is the political hot button, it's the thing that politicians have concentrated on. 'Cause you can walk out of here and round up all the junkies that you want to, and that's what's happening in a lot of instances. I hope that Senator Lindsay's amendment goes down to an ignominious defeat, because that's what it deserves. And Senator Lindsay should not leave the Legislature taking a position on an issue such as this so it will also save him from himself. But the real reason we ought not be putting this money into the appropriations bill is because what we talk about as being a problem is not being addressed by the expenditure of this money. What good does it do if somebody has malaria, or yellow fever, or scarlet fever, and there is medication which will help that person, but you give a placebo? And you wonder why their condition doesn't improve but rather grows worse. The Legislature is in the placebo business, because the Legislature is unwilling to face this problem head-on and do what we can to mitigate the causes.