

what kind of return we're getting for the...for what we're spending and what we're accomplishing with that. And for that reason you'll probably find me opposing the Lindsay amendment and really trying to look at a better way within the next year, and within the next budget, to spend that \$1.7 million.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members. I'm still looking for the information that Senator Hillman requested. But I would pick up where she left off. I think that's...community corrections, I don't dispute anything she said regarding community corrections, except to the extent that some of those types of proposals have been offered on the floor, even things like pretrial diversion for nonviolent, first offenders. We can't even get those advanced. So taking people who have already been convicted of something and moving them into community corrections are something that, from a practical viewpoint, getting the votes up here on the floor is just something difficult to get done. I do have...Senator Hillman, 47 weeks is the time that it would take, and I guess I was off a little bit, it's just under a year, about 47 weeks, what it would take to get the modular housing ready for occupancy. The... What I did want to do was to pick up also a little bit of what Senator Chambers was talking about on...I guess clarifying exactly how high I do jump when the Governor asks. Give a little background. Senator Chambers doesn't want to build prison space because he wants to force a crisis, which will bring some rationality to what we do in our criminal justice policy. I have voted in a similar manner to him on many of those crime bills. And there is one in particular that has had a significant impact, which we had some long, drawn out fights on, I guess, a couple years ago, that has had a significant impact on our prison population. And that impact, as we see the trend, is that that will continue to have an impact. When we... Since that time, and knowing at least believing that the trend would be an upwards trend of pretty good significance, since then, the last two years I have voted against the budget and I've stated on the floor my reason for doing so was because it did not include enough money for prison construction. The problem we run into, and that's where Senator Chambers and I disagree, is that I don't want to force that crisis. I guess what I want to do is the opposite, which is to come back in here and say if we're going to vote for this crime