

hypocritical, blue-nosed society trying to make it appear they're looking after the youth and fighting crime. So how do they do it? They define the conduct of young people so that they become the criminals, then they sit back and feel like they've done something. When you start rounding up more and more of these young people, you don't have places to put them. And those who would love to round up these young people and throw them in prisons, when asked questions like Senator Bernard-Stevens was asking your Attorney General, what programs are available, he doesn't even know and, beyond that, he doesn't even care. So if what Senator Lindsay is talking about, and I'll have a chance to review it, is creating information from a source which will seem credible to the members of the Legislature, it could be a worthwhile thing. But as far as needing money for planning, when we did what we did with LB 1044, that so called merger bill, and don't need a plan to spend that kind of money and make that kind of change, why do you need planning to build a prison? All you need to do is build some walls, put a slab on top of it, and put bars in all the windows and doors. You don't need anything else, if you consider the attitude of the people here. The only thing that stands between the kind of cruelty that some of my colleagues would like to inflict on people who are locked up is the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits cruel and unusual punishment. And if these Quonset huts turn out to be as bad as I very well think they could be in trying to administer them and the lack of security for the guards and corrections personnel, the lack of safety for the inmates, those Quonset huts themselves could be found to be a violation of...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of the prisoners rights. So before the Legislature again runs off willy-nilly, thinking or pretending to think that somehow the wastage of this money is fighting crime, I want to disabuse you of that misperception. You are not going to reduce the rate of crime, you are not going to stop people who commit violent crimes from committing them, and when you put people in an over crowded situation anyway into these Quonset huts you just make more victims available to them. There are people in prison who are not of a homosexual orientation before they go there, but they want anything when they get in prison and they will commit homosexual acts against other inmates. And when you have this Quonset hut, open area