

second part of the amendment, which goes on to say that Correctional Service shall include a detailed report and so forth, and so forth, I have no problem with. But the first part concerning the 350,000 for the program statement, from perspective, is absolutely necessary if we're...if we are to proceed with at least the intention and the idea of building a prison. I have the amendment following here that does provide for a 480-bed prison. As I told you, I am going to talk about it, and withdraw it, but also, I'm equally dedicated to the fact that I think that we need to continue forward to possibly building this unit. The program statement is absolutely necessary, the \$350,000, to take us to that. If we delay this and are sitting here a year from now discussing this very issue, it simply sets us back a full year for the possibility of building this prison. On the other hand, if we put \$350,000 in, we decide a year ago...a year from now that we can't, won't, don't need to, whatever, if the program study comes back that we can do some things in adult alternatives, so be it. The 350,000 would still be valid in terms of a program intent, but I cannot, in good conscience, support this amendment at this point. Since it is not divisible, I must oppose the whole thing. I am willing to file an additional amendment upon...upon the disposal of this one that will insert the paragraph with the wording so we can have a broader understanding of the need in the future. But it's my thought, at this point in time, that we have to move forward. I, obviously, don't want to build prisons. I don't want brick and mortar any more than any one person in this state, probably. I also feel we have an obligation, as chairman of the committee, as the committee, as this legislative body, and even I think the executive has an obligation to continue to provide for adequate housing for our prisoners. From my perspective, we are responding to what's going on with our society. If there are true, good alternatives I am certainly open to those. My mind goes back, I hope over the weekend to look back to the study that was commissioned a few years ago. As I recall, it was former Governor Morrison was in charge of that. I know former Senator Gary Hannibal was on that committee. I do not know where that study is, but my memory says there was a study, and they were to look at alternatives. To my mind, to my thought, to my knowledge, there's no report...that report was made but I do not remember any legislation coming from that, so my point is in spite of the good philosophy projected on this floor about doing alternatives, I, for one, would be one of the first. But where