

is that legislation? Where are those? And the problem is, it is not easy. There are no good alternatives, and if...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...something comes out, I will be the first to do it. But until I see something different, something to sway me from where I think we have to go, looking ahead. No one wants to do it, particularly in an election year. I understand that, but I think we have to face what's coming, and this 350,000, getting back to the point, is critical for looking ahead. And so I oppose the entire Lindsay amendment at this point because I have no other choice but to oppose it all.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. Senator Hillman, followed by Senators Wehrbein and Vrtiska.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, kind of got into this debate from the beginning, so I feel like I need to give some reasoning on how I'm voting. I plan to support the Lindsay amendment, and the reason being, as I said before, in serving on Appropriations Committee, I was very frustrated because I didn't feel we got a total picture of what was happening, and with that in mind, we decided if you're going to have to build, at least my thought was if you're going to have to house prisoners, if we are going to have to do that, we don't, and a prison is going to be eminent for 480, then don't build the modulars, put the money in the planning and build the prison if that's what we are going to have to do, if that's the only choices I've got here are modulars and prisons. And so that's one of the reasons I voted to put the planning money in, thought that just fiscally it might be more responsible to build the big prison than the smaller ones, and the big one and ongoing. But since the modulars are in and there are two, and the way I understand would be a point here where I feel that next year, with a new budget year, that the Department of Corrections would be coming in with more of a complete picture of everything that they've done with their prison task force study, not doing new studies, but pulling some things together so that we could make some better decisions in looking at the whole picture, looking at the alternatives, and an action and a time plan, also looking at the funding stream that would have to go with that. What kind of monies it is going to take two or three years down the road, I don't think we can make those decisions on a year-by-year basis,