

when we are talking about a 60 or 70 million dollars facility. I think we'd better look, if it is going to be two years down the road, three, or are there other things that we can do, other alternatives that we could do that perhaps could delay that for a while, and what could happen in the meantime to help us address that. I, at this point in time, I don't think that probably, though I know the planning money would be needed if we are going to get started on a new prison. I, personally, don't have any problems with delaying that prison for another year. If we look at a time schedule that says it would be at least three years before I think that prison would be up and going, yet we are looking at modulars, and community-based programs, which could be up in less than a year, that we would have time, maybe, to do some alternatives, to look at putting that prison on hold for a years isn't going to, I don't think, really make or break the system at this point in time. So to give us the year, look at a new annual budget, look at what we're going to do and how we're going to raise the revenue to do that, and what the alternatives would be, that we would have better information to make those kind of decisions, I think it can wait one year, and for that reason I will support the Lindsay amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I forgot my light was still on because I had spoken on Senator Lindsay's time. Senator Lindsay, did you want time back at this point. I will give it to you or I'll punch again, if it's appropriate.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Mr. Speaker, members, it is hard to follow Senator Hillman because she, basically, said I think exactly what the amendment does. There's...there is a question when we look again at the prison population figures of what we want to do. Part of what this amendment includes is a comprehensive plan with a lot of alternatives, with...including advising the Legislature of why our prison population is going up, where can we put the people when they come in, what our capital construction needs perceived to be in the next several years, all those things which I think are excellent policy, and I think Senator Wehrbein has agreed with. So the issue on this particular amendment is then, should we or should we not begin the process, and this is the first