

step in the process, of constructing a new prison. By voting for the amendment, you're saying, no, let's not take that step towards building a new prison; by voting yes, you are saying...or did I get confused again. By voting yes you're saying stop the prison; by voting no you're saying let's go ahead with it, and I think that is...because the rest of that amendment, I think, will be offered later because I don't think anybody really disputes it. So the crux of this vote here is, should we or should we not start building? As I have been arguing all morning, I think the numbers tell us we should. I think the wiser policy is to change our criminal justice policy and not keep filling the prisons. So I think that for me, personally, after getting the new information from the lobby that it makes a difficult vote for me, too. But I, like I said, think that is what the amendment comes down to is, should we or should we not start building the prison? And I would urge that the body take a careful look at this and determine which way this state is going to go.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. A question for Senator Wehrbein this time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Wehrbein, I spoke briefly with Senator Lindsay about his proposal to strike those dollars and you, obviously, are not in agreement. I guess the thing that I would like to hear from you, based on what you've said, a study would be for the purpose of determining the things that were outlined, and the direction we ought to go, and my question is, you talked about a study and I haven't seen it and I don't know if you know where it is, but it probably is somewhere. Are there things in that study that could be utilized to enhance a new study? Obviously, things move in about...in the course of somewhat...somewhat on the same level. Do you think any of those...any of that information in the study that was done several years ago would be beneficial in determining some of the direction that we ought to go?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Vrtiska, first of all, we actually are talking about oranges and apples. We've got two different issues here. The study, as represented here, goes...enumerates