

have more jobs than we've ever had in Nebraska, and they are going to be at twice the pay that they are now. Then we might not need that, perhaps. I don't even know that that would be true. I am simply saying we need to get on the road for 350,000 to examine this issue and get...take us closer to a program statement of intent to do it. There is still time next year to pull back, but I do not think that we can afford to delay, if I take my responsibility seriously of trying to look out ahead in the Appropriations Committee, as to what we are headed, and you hear other members say that, too. That is the reason for my opposition to this taking out the money. There is also several studies that I have here that I...you can look at and study at over this long weekend, if you'd care to, to show that we've had some proposals before, nothing has been done. I have the Task Force on Prison Alternatives and a quick perusal of this, their main recommendation we've done. It says enact legislation requiring system impact studies and appropriations for all legislation having an impact on the criminal justice system. Guess what happened last week? The Supreme Court said we can't do that, at least in the way that we were doing it statutorily. The one recommendation that they have, in a quick study of this, we have done and it has been thrown out. So there really was no magic bullet in this task force, there's very serious things that...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...we asked for three or four years ago about what possible alternatives are there to incarceration, we have not come up with in the last five years that I have been here. So you tell me where we can go? What are some specific things that we can do that are alternatives to incarceration? Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. Would like to announce 50 guests from Pierce Elementary School in the north balcony along with their teachers. Will you folks please stand. To speak on the Lindsay amendment, Senators Witek, Chambers, and Maurstad. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I had just wanted to ask Senator Lindsay a question about the wording of the amendment.