

SENATOR LINDSAY: Having us saying...tell us that we are right.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, my colleague from Millard sometimes drives me to distraction, and for those who don't know to whom I am referring, I am talking about the Right Reverend Honorable Senator Kate Witek, the first, and I hope the last in the Legislature. Senator Witek was talking to Senator Lindsay and she started by saying she is a good listener and John agreed, Senator Lindsay agreed. No, she hasn't been a good listener, she's been quiet, and there's a difference. She said there are more people in prison now because they...they break the law, and that's all you need to know. That's all Senator Witek needs to know, but some of us need more information because we legislate, when possible, with a scalpel and not with a meat axe or a chain saw. It would be similar to having a medical discussion and we'd say we want to find out why all these people are dying. Senator Witek said, well, they are dying either because they stopped breathing, their heart stopped beating, or their brain ceased all functions, that's all you need to know. That's why everybody dies and who can argue with that. But for medical purposes, for purposes of trying to treat diseases, and stopping a person from reaching the point where those functions terminate, we need more refined information. When Senator Witek was talking to Senator Lindsay about what impact a bill would have on the prison population, she said she doesn't know how that can be put in a report. Well, she is not being asked to do that. The language that Senator Lindsay is putting into this bill would assign that to people who know how to do these things. I am sure that's why he didn't put we are authorizing Senator Witek to do this, because it's beyond her ken. That doesn't mean like a relative; ken, in the old sense of the word, Senator Withem, of knowledge. That woman throws me off my stride on occasion so that I have to come back to what it was I wanted to ask Senator Wehrbein now. Senator Wehrbein, over how many years would this project take to be completed, if this study is undertaken as you envision now, and the construction follows the...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It is my understanding it'd be the spring of '89, Senator Chambers.