

guess, or is it down payment, whatever you want to call it, on the prison. Senator Chambers accurately states that it doesn't...that we still have to appropriate the money next year. If we are going to spend the money, if we are going to leave the committee amendment as is, start thinking about where that 60 million comes from, start thinking about whether you are going to vote for that penny sales tax increase, or are you going to start voting for that income tax increase, or are you going to cut the university budget, or is it going to be in some other program that any one of you might support? The fact is prisons cost money. The other fact is our prison population is skyrocketing. The final fact is we are not doing anything to stem the flow of people into the prison, so we are going to have to start building. I have been saying that all morning that we need to start building and I think we do have to, but I guess I am looking at one last gasp, it's something that Senator Hillman mentioned, what are the alternatives, community corrections or other types of alternatives. This amendment would look into those other alternatives. It would not commit. It would delay building the prison by...by a year. If we wanted to come back next year and start the process, it would delay that by about a year. But I think maybe that's worth it to do that. Yes, there is a danger in it. That danger could be that the prison population continues to increase, we don't have enough beds being constructed, and we may...we may be looking at federal court intervention. I suggest we have a problem right now.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I don't know if there is a solution, but unless you're prepared to vote for a tax increase or cuts elsewhere, then I think you have to vote in favor of this amendment and stop that commitment of \$60 million.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The house is under call. Mr. Clerk, are we still...Senator Schimek, can you check in. The question before the body is the adoption of the Lindsay amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? All of you wishing to vote, have you voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. A record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 1272 of the Legislative Journal.) 18 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President.