

Nebraska for renovations and so forth, it was made in '93, none of which have come to pass. I simply wanted to make that point and the reason for it, and it's expensive, and they'll continue to be expensive, and delaying will make it more expensive. If there is, once again, if there is a magic potion out there between now and next year that will reduce this, if we can make some significant changes, I will be the first to say that we should shelve the proposal for another prison and not go forward with it. But I...to me, all signs lead to that at this point, and I think we cannot continue to run the risk of federal intervention, of fines, of over, direct oversight of our prison system, or whatever, I can't...I don't think we can continue to ignore that potential problem if we would do that. We have one of the best run prisons in the country at this point. We have a very strong administrator in who we have out there, a director, and I want to acknowledge that at this time. I was going to say that earlier. One of the reasons that we are getting along fairly well is because we have a well-run prison system, but that cannot take care of all the problems that we'll continue to have if we continue to expand our population. So with that, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to withdraw this amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I am sorry, Senator Wehrbein, your last remarks were...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Wehrbein, the next amendment is from you, Senator. I believe this was a draft, want to withdraw this one?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Chambers. Senator, your amendment is on page 1229 of the Journal. (See FA541.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I will frankly tell you that what I want to do is mess with that amendment you all adopted earlier to put two Quonset huts out on the grounds of the penitentiary. So what my amendment would do