

barracks, but that ain't all. We got steps that you can walk into. And the prisoners have access to each other. The guards can be in danger, but wait, there's more. Go right down the line, list all of the defects with this program and that's the only thing that could be offered to support it. Those of you who are of a mind to believe that the only people who are sent to prison are guilty, who believe that most of the people sent to prison have committed crimes of violence, why do you want to build an incarceration system which allows all these violent criminals to have access to other criminals as well as guards and corrections officers? This is not a wise decision to make. I would like to see both of the Quonset huts stricken from the budget. But if you cannot get it all, then mitigate the damage. Nobcdy can stand on the floor and say that by building these two Quonset huts the problem of overcrowding is solved. It's not solved. So you're throwing away money. Somebody, I read in the paper, it said that if you spend money to get money, even if you don't get as much as you hoped to, that's money well spent. I think they were talking in justification of 775. But those people who call themselves economists warn against sending good money after bad. That can happen. And that's what the Legislature is being asked to do in this instance by keeping this money in the budget for these Quonset huts. I am very, very disturbed because the ones who have knowledge, and I'm not talking about myself now, I'm not talking about Senator Pedersen or anybody on this floor who might be deemed an advocate of one position or another, the ones who have knowledge and understanding of these problems are never consulted. This whole issue of crime and punishment has been left in the hands of self-serving politicians...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...who have no incentive to tell the truth, who have no inclination to really try to solve the problem, but who has every inclination to terrorize the public to offer what they call solutions that only make the problem worse and have no conscience about misleading society and putting people who must run this monstrous system into danger and hazard every day. I am opposed to that and I hope you will adopt this amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Pirsch announces that the following guests are visiting the Legislature. There are 16 fourth graders here from Omaha