

Journal that says we will do the study. Now I can't see 12... Where did I... Oh, there it is at the bottom, a detailed report regarding increasing number of incarcerated adults with its 1997-99 biennial budget request, and it's a way to look in for the specific reasons for growth, policy, legal and program alternatives to address this growth in the adult prison system, and any capital construction projects necessary to meet the current and future projections. The department felt that they could do this in-house without additional expenditure of money. I indicated to Senator Lindsay that I was willing to put this back in for the study and that's the reason I submitted this amendment and I would urge the adoption by the body, feeling that it is something that we can perhaps learn more about some areas that we need to look at, work in, and plan for.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chambers on the Wehrbein amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Wehrbein, why are you doing this to me? You know I want to be angry at you for a while longer, but I have to support him. It's a good amendment (laugh) what he's offering here and it was good when Senator Lindsay offered it the first time. It is good to get this kind of information so that we will have a clear understanding of what it is that we're dealing with in terms of the increase in the prison population and the reasons behind it. I support this amendment. I am glad that Senator Wehrbein brought it, but I wish it would have been a couple of amendments down because I was relishing my feeling of indignation and now he has just dissipated it off. But I guess that's why being the canny person that he is, he's chairperson of the Appropriations Committee. I hope that this amendment will be supported, especially in view of the fact that it's not going to cost money, that the department can do it in-house. I don't see how we can be damaged at all by getting this additional information and I support the amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Wehrbein?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.