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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...as a victim it can happen, or as a perpetrator you can do it. So if these things have happened, then you must be agreeing with the court that it was known that these things would happen when the inmates were put in cells together.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Or are you not saying that?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I honestly don't know to what degree it is or isn't, based on the classification that you're talking about now. I don't know that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If when these Quonset huts are built and these kind of incidents occur, what would you say then? Oops? That I had no reason to think it would happen?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: We questioned the classification system. I've been assured that there should be a methodology available to classify so that there will not...these...not be these kind of situations arise in these type of units.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yeah, we're all told that, but if they arise, what will you say then?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I say if they arise they can also happen in individual cells. I mean when you have people living together 24 hours a day in any kind of circumstance there's some behavior that's hard to control.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But what you're doing with these Quonset huts is facilitating it and making victims more accessible and readily available.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Avery. Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: I'll give my time to Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Avery. Madam President,