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want to continue pursuing this with you, if you don't mind.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the body, I just wanted to call your attention to an article that I just received. This is from the ALEC FYI, and it kind of addresses a situation that we're discussing. It says the National Center for Policy Analysis, NCPA, in Dallas has released a study that found a four-year construction program that boosted prison capacity in Texas, and listen to this, from 49,000 to 150,000 has meant longer sentences and coincides with the lowest rate for serious crime since 1953. The added prison space has allowed the average sentence for murder, rape and robbery to triple, the average sentences for aggravated assault, theft and burglary to quadruple. The study says Morgan Reynolds (phonetic), Director of NCPA's Criminal Justice Center, and author of the study, said that as a result of the prison building boom Texans are now safer on the streets and in their homes. If I had to vote, and I said last time a study from my own district said that my constituents would pay extra to provide safer streets in the city of Omaha and to provide longer sentences for those committing crimes. I, frankly, would support an additional cost to build the \$55 million facility, as Senator Maurstad is proposing. But until that time, I certainly also would support the Appropriations Committee in lieu of that for the two facilities that they are recommending to the...this Legislature at this time. It's a tough choice to make. Like I said, I would sure vote for the permanent facility, but until that time, I don't know that we have any other choice other than to build the two facilities, and would ask for your support in that regard. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Pedersen. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Madam President, members of the Legislature, and, Senator Pedersen, before I talk to you I've got to talk to Senator Jensen about some of what he said. Senator Jensen, who is this NCPA outfit?