

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this part of Senator Lindsay's amendment I will agree to. What it's doing is taking away that assertion that currently exists in his original amendment that would oblige the Legislature to make the purchase. Let me ask Senator Lindsay a question. Senator Lindsay, is that correct?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President. Yes, that's correct, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and this part of his amendment does mitigate what is a part of a bad amendment. It doesn't become a good amendment. It's simply less bad. I am going to deal with other aspects of what he is offering as we go along. I intend to oppose it, and I think it's a terrible mind-set that is developing when anything that relates to locking people up is met with such acceptance and approval. Earlier today we were talking about an amendment which I thought would be beneficial to our rural colleagues, and there was, as Senator Schrock described it, an uproar. Now we're coming to a situation where that old hard heartedness on the part of the Legislature can manifest itself. Always lock people up. You know what I've heard Senator Wehrbein say earlier, that when I talk about trying to get at the root causes of crime, some of those things he can agree with. Senator Lindsay I know agrees with those things. He has said them himself. He has supported legislation aimed in that direction. He has opposed other legislation that took us away from that direction. But since this is the year of politics, everything seems to change. Now the mind-set is lock up as many people as you can. And the day is going to come, and Senator Pedersen knows this, that these people are going to be out on these streets and some of you ought to consider whether you would want to be in one of these parking lots or on one of these streets when one of these people is released who has