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violent offenders. And we must give consideration to work camps and other cost-effective alternatives to prison construction. And we must continue our focus on curbing youth violence, Senator Bernard-Stevens will be watching. We must continue our commitment to our agricultural community be encouraging value-added cooperative ventures and other initiatives that give farmers greater stakes in their own destinies. And we must continue our efforts to turn our state's brain drain into a brain gain by providing job opportunities for our best and brightest right here at home. One hears today a lot about low voter turnout and citizen apathy, especially among our young people. But I saw just the opposite yesterday when I visited the MTV Choose or Lose voter promotion bus which was at UNL for the day. College students were lined up to register to vote. I believe that we are in the process of turning the corner on that voter apathy and that we can get greater interest in our government if we remain committed to being positive toward the future of all of our citizens, and those students are our future. What we do as elected leaders does affect and does matter to them. And how we face up to tough challenges can determine what opportunities will exist for our children. I urge you, as the days ahead come and go, that you keep in mind, as you head home to your families, friends, and constituents, that there is much yet to be done in spite of all the accomplishments to date. And I hope that this summer will bring you a great opportunity for rest, relaxation, good crops, good work, and good family. My best wishes go with you. Thank you for a great session. Thank you very much.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Madam President, one item. The Executive Board will meet upon adjournment in Room 2102; Exec Board, upon adjournment in Room 2102. That's the only item I have, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Madam Chairman, I move that the Legislature approve the preparation and printing of the permanent Legislative Journal, the Session Laws, and Indexes by Patrick J. O'Donnell, and that he be directed to send each member of the Legislature a copy of the loose-leaf session laws and a