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we will have, we need to have the budget authority there and I just speak in support of the amendment and glad that your staff and you were able to offer the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Seeing no further lights, Senator Wehrbein, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, I have more detail if someone is interested in it, but that's essentially the bill...I mean that is the issue of the appropriations.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question is, shall the Wehrbein amendment be adopted to the committee amendments? All in favor vote aye, all opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Wehrbein's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Wehrbein amendment is adopted to the committee amendments. Mr. Clerk, further amendments.

CLERK: Senator Brown would move to amend, with AM1501. (AM1501, Legislative Journal pages 1722-1723.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brown, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I have introduced this amendment to give us an opportunity to talk about the costs of new facilities in our Corrections Department and to pursue a little bit about whether we are addressing the needs, the most pressing needs, in terms of corrections and whether we are doing that in the most cost-efficient manner possible. There have been changes in our numbers since the time that we approved the construction of a work camp. The work camp is...has the capacity of a hundred beds and would have two different sessions of inmates that would flow through it during a year. The cost...just one second, excuse me, Mr. President, the cost for the construction per bed is \$66,000 per bed. The cost of operations per offender, based on 200 offenders per year, is \$19,294. The amount that we're