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moment in time and an opportunity to do a very significant piece of work, but it has not suddenly been brought to us. Now...so thank you to all of those people. Thank you to all of you. I hope I've not failed to at least symbolically acknowledge how many people for how long a period of time have wanted to do something about these issues, and now we're here and now is the moment. Why are we here? I'm going to extemporize for a few moments so that we set the groundwork. I think you've probably all noticed that in 5-6 years the Department of Corrections' budget in the state of Nebraska has grown by 100 percent. It has doubled from, I deal in round numbers, \$60 million to \$120 million in 5-6 years. Now I think that's of great interest to you and to all of your constituents. We built...bear with me a little bit on this one. It's terribly important, I think. We built a new state-of-the-art, maximum-security facility in Tecumseh and we paid \$75 million cash for it. We hired 415, in round numbers, new state employees to staff that facility and, as I always say to audiences, and we pay them \$20 million a year, each year, every year forever and ever and ever, and that facility is full. Our correctional system is over capacity. If we continue at the present rate at which we are dealing with these issues, we will be at 176 percent of capacity in the year 2008. Next time, the new prison will cost us \$125 million cash. It will require at least 415 new employees and it will be another \$20 million plus every year forever and ever and ever, and that's how a Department of Corrections' budget, by Fiscal Year 2007-2008, could be one quarter of a billion dollars. So that's why we're here today. We're here because in the year 2000 the Vera Institute of Justice, working under the auspices of the Federal Department of Justice, came to Nebraska and said it was time, they didn't tell us, they asked us if we didn't think it was time that we explore some of the new concepts or newer concepts that were being utilized throughout the nation with regard to corrections. And Governor Johanns seized that initiative, put together a working group with regard to community corrections, people greatly experienced with the subject matter. I'm going to detail them for you so again you can have confidence in the work product put together by this group, and this is, the bill is, their work product. On the community corrections task force we had the Probation Administrator; the director of the Department of Correctional