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private entities is not a wise societal decision. When people are charged with an offense, convicted and sentenced by a court to serve time, every thing connected with the apprehension, charging, trying, sentencing, and incarcerating of an individual should be in the hands of the state. We should not break this up to make it possible for individuals to make money in this area. A lot of people equate efficiency with the notion of cheapness. A government has the responsibility to do things properly, and in my opinion, the government has the exclusive responsibility to do certain things. When it comes to operating a place of incarceration, I believe that should be exclusively in the hands of the government and we should not even let a situation arise where we're going to have to kick some fly-by-night wrongdoers out of a contract they had to operate or own a private jail because they messed over inmates. The damage will have been done. Hall County may have its problems, but I am opposed to changing the law of the state to bail out Hall County. Their prosecutor is the one who determines what charges are going to be brought and whether he or she is going to seek jail time. Many people are being locked up all over this country for offenses that ought not to carry jail time. Even Chief Justice Rehnquist of the U.S. Supreme Court, who is not known by anybody to be a bleeding-heart liberal, a softhearted, kind, compassionate person, but even he sees the increase in the prison population as being catastrophic in this country. At the federal level, they are condemning the sentencing guidelines that take away discretion from judges, and mandatory minimum sentences must be imposed. But once all these people are locked up, they become an overwhelming burden on the taxpayers because they've got to serve those sentences, and all the expenditures of money that it takes to maintain an individual in the lockup must be assumed and paid by society. When you have these law-and-order county attorneys who are going to make their reputation on locking up people, or you have law-and-order judges who are going to make their reputation locking up people, that is something within the county and the people in the county should deal with that, not by changing the law to turn over to private, for-profit operators the operation, control or ownership of prisons. I have not said nearly what I have to say on this issue. I have not even scratched the surface. Senator Aguilar, if a human hair, from whatever human being is used, is