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you know, the answer was we get all we want to eat, you know, and the food is good. They can't complain about it. The morale was extremely good and that's just a fact of life there, you know, and it's unfortunate that some people have to...do have to go to prison. And I think it's obvious that we in Hall County have to build a new one. It's not fair to the prisoners to be in the one we have now. It's not safe. Many of the...there's been crimes committed against each other there that can't be prevented because of the oldness of the facility and the lack of constant vision throughout. So, you know, that just kind of emphasizes how we need to move forward, and we'd like to do so in an economically good manner, for that matter. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. We will now go to general discussion on the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 656. Those senators wishing to speak to the motion are Senators Kremer, Schimek, Stuthman, Synowiecki, Smith, Thompson, Aguilar, and Chambers. Senator Kremer, on the motion.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I won't speak to the postpone motion, but just a little bit to my observation of why this bill and why I signed onto it. I do represent Hall County, a part of Hall County, and I know that they are very much in need of a new jail facility for the county. And I did have the opportunity, with Senator Aguilar, to visit a privately operated facility in Texas, and there was a...it was in a small town. It was really an economic boost to that town. The one facility was a pretty large facility, which was really an INS facility, and across the road from that was a juvenile detention facility that had kids in there from 12 to 18, I believe some even in there for murdering their parents and things like that. And we had an opportunity to visit with the personnel working there and with the inmates. They pretty much gave us free reign to visit with them. And not very long before that I had visited one of our correctional facilities in Nebraska because the personnel that work there called us in and talked about the turmoil. The turnover that they had was tremendous, and I don't have those figures with me so I can't verify just exactly how much the turnover was. But when we got to these facilities in Texas, the turnover in the employees was just extremely different than what it was at the