

March 14, 1996      LB 29, 908, 909, 921, 933, 967, 973, 1001  
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1076, 1155, 1189, 1255

read on Final Reading have been presented to the Governor (re. LB 908, LB 909, LB 921, LB 933, LB 967, LB 973, LB 1001, LB 1002, LB 1007, LB 1008, LB 1035, LB 1038, and LB 1040). Hearing notice from Education Committee, and Retirement Systems Committee. Amendments by Senator Beutler to LB 1053; Senator Warner to LB 29; Senator Will to LB 1076; Senator Wickersham to LB 1076; Senator Wesely to LB 1044; Senator Schellpeper to LB 1255. (Amendment by Senator Wesely to LB 1155.) And I have an explanation of vote (re. LB 908, LB 909, LB 921, LB 933, LB 967, LB 973, LB 1001, and LB 1002) from Senator Pedersen. (See pages 1263-71 of the Legislative Journal.)

Senator Lindsay has the next amendment to the committee amendments, Madam President. (Lindsay amendment, AM3772, can be found on page 1228 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Lindsay, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members. This amendment...I want to confirm that's the right amendment. This amendment would... And Senator Wehrbein mentioned that this amendment was coming. In the budget...in the committee amendments the committee...the Appropriations Committee has \$350,000 planning money for a new prison. What the amendment would do is to strike that planning money and put in the language that appears on page 1228 of the Journal, which would require that DCS report to...report back to the Legislature with a report of the number of inmates, reporting back with where we are as far as why our prison population has grown, with the policy, program alternatives, different type things we could do instead of building prisons, and also a statement or recommendations of what capital construction projects are necessary to respond to the problem that we have. Bottom line on this is the department believes that it can...that it has adequate plans to begin prison construction, if the money is appropriated next year, and that this type information that's set forth in this amendment can be provided without the provision of the \$350,000. So that, I guess, is a statement of what we're doing. It's still...it still would be a statement that we intend to build prisons next year, but it also requests DCS to do some additional...additional studying of the problem with the stated goal of that study to be why is the prison population increasing, and what other alternatives, for example what Senator Hillman mentioned, community corrections, can be