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Corrections yearbook, which is put out by the Criminal Justice Institute, their 1996, which is the most recent, most recent yearbook that they've put out, Nebraska is not doing too bad in the area of community...community corrections. As of January 1, 1997, Nebraska had 11.4 percent of our inmates in community corrections. The national average is 4.3 percent. So we're nearly three times better than the national average in already using community corrections. The report that Senator Bromm brought to our attention, I have not had a chance, of course, to go through it thoroughly, but there was one section, on page 26, of the Task Force on Prison Alternatives, Executive Summary, that I would like to bring to everyone's attention. The title of it is Special Problems in Implementing a Community Corrections Act in Nebraska, and it goes on to indicate that Nebraska would confront special problems with respect to the implementation of a Community Corrections Act. They outline three of them, first Nebraska judges may...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...be reluctant to utilize such a program if it is left to their sole discretion, and then it goes on to indicate that the Legislature should mandate or establish a presumption that all nonviolent Class III and IV felony offenders, and Class I misdemeanor offenders should be sentenced to correctional facilities and programs if such facilities and programs are available in a particular district court. Second, there is a concern whether local communities will establish...voluntarily establish community corrections programs, and, finally, the unique statewide probation system in Nebraska would have to coordinate any intensive and supervision programs administered by a community corrections facility program in a particular area of the state. So they have identified at least three concerns relative to the implementation of this, which I believe indicates that we need to continue to look at this, and we shouldn't plow forward now just for the sole purpose of blocking the building of needed beds in a medium-maximum security prison. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Kristensen announces that the following guests are visiting the Legislature. There are 20 fourth graders here from Bryant