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(LB) 802. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Witek, thank you. Your sense of...your intuitive sense of what might need to happen is accurate. There is a bill pending in the Judiciary Committee, LB 405, that would in effect repeal LB 529 that was passed by the body on consent calendar a number of years ago, so you are joining the debate. I'd encourage you to light your light often. You articulated the point of view. What this debate needs to be about is the solution, and we can stay over here on the soft theoretical side of Senator Pedersen's conceptual amendment for eight hours and we can hear people say this needs to be refined, this needs to be worked, it needs to be adjusted, it needs to be negotiated. We could even adopt it and it won't solve the problem. So we need everyone who wants to maintain in the name of being the toughest guardian of law and order, we need every one of those senators to come to the floor and to stand in favor of spending the amount of money necessary to deal with the problem that we now have. And as I understand it from Senator Wehrbein, who's been here filling the airwaves but I'm not certain getting any attention, after we build this prison we need another 300 beds. Senator Wehrbein, will you yield?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein, will you respond?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Wehrbein, didn't I hear you correctly?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Don't we need another 300-bed facility after this one?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, if you use the 1996 population projection that...in your handout, if you go across the top line changing nothing, you simply do simple arithmetic and find that the numbers keep building and building and in a simple 5 years,