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because of setting committee hearing dates. Senator Marvel would you care to ..I just said that I thought your committee and Senator Luedtkes would be gone the 16th concerning Correctional Institutions.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel would you care to respond.

SENATOR MARVEL: When we were discussing penal reform in one of the Appropriations Committee meetings we brought in a man from the Crime Commission who had knowledge of the regional correctional approach in Polk County in which Des Moines is the chief city. And there seemed to be enough activity in that area, and enough progress that it appeared to be worthwhile before we hold hearings on correctional bills and this seems to be one of the important issues of this session. It seemed to be important enough and a good enough example that we ought to take time and go over to Des Moines and spend part of a day seeing how they operate. Now it appears, and Senator Luedtke you can help me in this area, but it appears that they have progressed enough that they can eliminate a number if not all the centralized penal facilities and spread them out over the state of Iowa. Therefore, when we had this idea we also approached the Judiciary Committee and they seemed to be interested. And so we are in the process of scheduling transportation, bicycles, or bus or something. Probably a bus. To go to Des Moines and spend that day. So with this in mind and because of the importance of this issue I thought we had better contact the Speaker and bring this up before the Legislature as a whole. And I think it is a worthy project and I think it's worth the time we are going to take to go over and look over the facilities. Because I think we can profit by this example when we start discussing penal reform in the committees and on the floor of the Legislature. Now, Roland do you have anything that you might add.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President in answer to Senator Marvel about ..way..in addition to what Senator Marvel said, our committee is interested in continuing to pursue the matter of regional community corrections, which we have been doing now for a couple of years. Of course this is just another example of a place close by where we should check in to seeing the actual operation. As I understand Iowa has not yet completely put into functioning organization this type of a plan, but they do have a pilot type program in operation. And that's what we want to observe. Now there are about 4 members, Senator Proud for your information, there are about 4 members of the Judiciary committee that would like to go on this that have expressed a desire to make this trip. That is 4 out of the 8 for your information. I don't know how many from Senator Marvels committee, maybe he knows if the whole committee is going or how many.

PRESIDENT: Senator Proud your light is still on. Did you want to be recognized again, sir?

SENATOR PROUD. Senator Marvel may have another comment. A suggestion was made that maybe you could go the 17th. But I don't know about that, Senator Marvel.