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could leave office. He could be fired or whatever. So if we are going to put in place a statutory scheme for dealing with inmates, inmate labor, wages and hours, conditions of work and the rest of it, all of those provisions should be in statute and not left to the discretion of the director, but I am opposed to the bill anyway so you probably will not entertain such an amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I have the same grave concerns that Senator Chambers has and I think Senator Schmit shares in those concerns. We don't want a New Mexico situation to happen in Nebraska but I think we have made a lot of very strong positive steps to preclude that from happening. God only knows whether we have made enough steps, or whether this bill goes far enough, but we have implemented and we are in the third year of the correction improvement program under the leadership of Senator Fowler and I think this was a viable positive program, that it approached different areas within our institution and tried to strengthen them keeping in mind those people that are incarcerated and also the general public. We have made massive commitments of new dollars to new facilities. We have a new facility here in Lincoln. We are in the process of constructing one in Omaha. I think our existing facilities, some of our existing facilities are atrocious and I think this Legislature has agreed with that with that dollar commitment. We sort of put our money where our mouth is. Now contracting with private industry is an area that solves the problem of idleness in the institution but I think the minimum wage provision precludes the slave labor concept. I think that these men would prefer to have the opportunity to better themselves economically and financially regardless of the source of labor. Now having served as a member of the Task Force on Correction Industries, the problem out there is finding meaningful work. The problem is to get enough for these men to do and I think this particular bill as amended approaches that problem. Originally the bill was primarily restitution but I think we have broadened the scope of it through the amendments we are talking this morning to do a lot of beneficial positive things in our institutions. Our recidivism rate is extremely high right now. We give a man just a few dollars when he leaves the penitentiary or the institution. Now we are providing where he will have a more ample amount of funds that would allow him to get reestablished in society. Now I am not sure and I can't be sure that this is model legislation or a model program and I don't think anybody can at this point,

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