be some way since the prisoners are wards of the state that this could be arranged. I don't think that there is any prisoners that are going to be going out at $18.00 an hour. But if, and I frankly cannot see any particular reason why they shouldn't be paid a lesser wage, but this is to make Senator Keyes happy that I was asking this question. So I am going to not support Senator Keyes' motion to kill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I oppose the Keyes' motion to indefinitely postpone LB 319. There are a number of reasons why I am taking that position, but number one would be this. I asked myself the question many times, why do we put people behind the bars or incarcerate them? Some say, well it is to punish them for a crime committed. Others feel that, no, it is to rehabilitate them so that they can be good citizens, and I am wondering if we haven't leaned too far in the direction, well let's punish them for the crime that they have committed whatever it may be. I believe what is happening in our prisons and there are many illustrations is the result that we have not tried hard enough to rehabilitate them. LB 319 proposed by Senator Schmit is a step forward in trying to bring these people back into our society so they will be contributing citizens, they will be good citizens, and they will not be a repeater of the crime. LB 319 addresses exactly that. Are there jobs available, not only within the institutions, but perhaps outside of the institution that would qualify these people, men or women, whoever they may be, to go back in society and not make them feel like we have attempted to punish them even severely so that when they go back into society there will be that same old temptation to go back and commit the same or another crime. I believe LB 319 is a bill that provides the vehicle where we can send these people back into their home towns or wherever they may choose to go prepared to carry on a good life, a family life, or whatever it may be. I certainly disagree with Senator Keyes. I believe he pointed out some problems. I don't think they are that great. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise to oppose Senator Keyes' motion to indefinitely postpone. I would like to remind this body that we have a work release program that we have worked very diligently