

periods of time, and we can keep paying the \$20,000 a year for each one of these inmates to incarcerate them, but the fact is, and I think any prosecutor or former prosecutor in this room can tell you a larger number of criminals go on to probation than into the prison system. That is just where the numbers are. Now if we have people who are on their six month probationary period, and we do constantly have probation officers on their six month probationary period while they are learning how to supervise these criminals, if we have them, they are going to be inexperienced. They are not going to be able to handle their caseload, as big a caseload as efficiently, you are going to have less supervision or inefficient supervision. You are going to have more criminals violating the terms of their probation, which means they are going to go to prison. The Attorney General has told us that is going to be our policy. We are going to send them to prison if they violate probation. They are going to violate probation a lot of times because they don't understand it because they have got a probation officer, who is trying to do 20 or 30 presentence investigations, hasn't even had time to handle his 120 or 130 caseload. I simply think we have to take a look at, in this year of corrections and this year of crime, of looking at that on the broader base. Senator Chambers mentioned earlier today we are looking at the juvenile judge thing. We are adding juvenile judges because that is needed. We are looking at prisons. We are building one for youth. We are building the prisons. We are increasing the sentences. We are doing everything except the least expensive and the most effective way of correcting crime. In the short-term, right now, yeah, this puts us in a cash crunch and everybody knows that; \$600,000 this year is a lot of money. But I suggest to you \$600,000 doesn't even cover the operating cost of a new prison that is going to be needed with the many, many things that we keep doing to increase our prison population. We are on...we are on a fast track for a federal court intervention with all the other stuff we are doing, or if we'd only want to talk and then ignore whether the feds tell us we have to do something, sooner or later we are going to start having problems...

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

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SENATOR LINDSAY: ...because of overcrowding in our various correctional institutions. We simply have to take some action.