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By WEEK Producer

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A year ago, this state of the art prison was set to house prisoners from Pontiac.

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Now, it could be home to terror suspects who have been kept out of this country in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Illinois Governor Pat Quinn says, "We see an opportunity, a once in a lifetime opportunity for the people of Illinois."

The governor says opening Thomson could create 3-thousand jobs and a billion dollars for Northwestern Illinois over the first four years.

Illinois Senator Dick Durbin says, "A dream come true for that part of the state. Then, think of what those jobs lead to in terms of businesses, new schools, new hospitals, new libraries, new opportunities. In the midst of this recession, this is the good news we've been waiting for and hoping for and now we need to capitalize on it."

Republican Congressman and U-S Senate candidate Mark Kirk doesn't want the detainees...citing safety concerns and the possibility Illinois could be a target for extremists.

But, it was Thomson's mayor who wrote a letter asking for the feds to take over the prison.

Thomson Village President Jerry Hebler says, "I'd never chase jobs if I thought it would jeopardize the safety and security of my neighbors and friends."

Senator Durbin says there are more than 340 convicted terrorists currently serving time on U-S soil...the latest being former Bradley student Ali Al Marri.

Illinois Senator Dick Durbin says, "All of those spreading panic where the incarceration of terrorists should know Mr. Al Marri is in the Marion Prison

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and was incarcerated without any notice in the community."

Still, Senator Durbin says the feds plan extra security measures at the super-max facility which could house up to 16-hundred prisoners.

Illinois Senator Dick Durbin says, "The facts are clear no one ever in the history of the United States has escaped from one of these super-max facilities."

Besides Thomson which is about an hour north of the Quad Cities, the Federal government is also eyeing prisons in Colorado and Montana.

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Monday, Nov 16 at 6:03 PM jon wrote ...
Sure move them here We can use them for target practice.....as it should be

Monday, Nov 16 at 4:29 PM Rick wrote ...
Well i am sure the people they hire will be at there political favors and will make poor choices. They need to hire quality help instead of minority preference.

Monday, Nov 16 at 12:24 PM Dennis in Peoria wrote ...
While I think it would be an economic boost if the Feds took over Thomson with just SOME of the Gitmo prisoners, I think the "3,000 jobs" number is a bit inflated.

Monday, Nov 16 at 9:14 AM Lincoln wrote ...
3000 more government jobs, means more government dependents, more democrat voters. "A dream come true." says Durbin.

Monday, Nov 16 at 12:02 AM tm wrote ...
Dont bring anymore terrorists to our state! Maybe obama would like them in his Chicago neighborhood. They are not US citizens, I do not want to pay for their well being. Are jobs now more important than common sense?

Sunday, Nov 15 at 11:11 PM absolutely not wrote ...
Scrapping to get a couple bucks....just wonderful. Yes, this is all about jobs??? Why not ask how the U.S. became entangled with a constitutional right to trial and DETAINEES of a foreign escape in the recent war? There is little to debate on why our Federal courts, not military courts, are adjudicating these crimes. We should not be at this juncture today.

Sunday, Nov 15 at 9:59 PM todd wrote ...
and then we can put all the crooked politicians in there as well.

Sunday, Nov 15 at 9:05 PM Bob wrote ...
If they get the money for holding the prisoners maybe the state can pay the contractor that built it. From what i understand the state still owes the contractor money from when it was built. And the state getting and billions of dollars coming into the state ya right.

Sunday, Nov 15 at 6:53 PM Meg wrote ...

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