for coastal restoration projects.

At the moment, a move to sell the rest of the settlement is unlikely, said Sen. Jay Dardenne, R-Baton Rouge, who sponsored the amendment during the session. "The timing now is not right because of various market issues," he said, but he added that the state wants to have the option in place in case prospects for a sale improve.

Both constitutional amendments 1 and 2 are opposed by the Louisiana Federation of Teachers. The teacher union concluded that both could end up diverting money that might otherwise go to schools.

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acted on the recommendation of the board and ordered clemency for Williams. But before he could be set free, Williams had to appear before the parole board.

The Aug. 20 parole board hearing at Jackson broke down in confusion when the medical director of Dixon Correctional Institute, Dr. Alan Perego, testified that although Williams is being treated for cancer, it hadn't spread through his body and the inmate isn't in any imminent danger of dying, Perego said. There was also no reason for him to be in a wheelchair.

The parole board then said it couldn't hear the case anyway because the pardon board erred by not reducing Williams' sentence from life to a fixed number of years, a precondition for his release. Williams never appeared before the parole board that day.

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who are denied parole may apply for another chance after certain time periods, depending on their crime. There is no limit on how many times one may appear before the parole or pardon boards.

On the state's Web site Friday, Williams' name does not appear on the parole board dockets for this month or October.

"To my knowledge, they have no plans to schedule it at any point," Martin said of Williams' case. "But you never know."

The gunman in the Robin murder, William Henry Hankins, was released from prison in 1990, after Gov. Edwards commuted his life sentence. Hankins reportedly died soon after.

"I wish I could just close the door again and put it in the past," said Robin-Travasos, who traveled to Williams' parole board hearing last month only [illegible]

attended.

Police have ruled out the involvement of anyone else, said Paul Ray, a spokesman for the Hopkinsville Police Department.

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Trustees Release Draft Regional Restoration Plan to Restore Injured Resources

State of Louisiana and Federal natural resource trustees are soliciting public comments on a draft Regional Restoration Plan to restore natural resources injured by oil spills. This draft Region 2 Plan is the first of nine regional plans to be developed under the statewide Louisiana Regional Restoration Planning Program.

The State of Louisiana, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and U.S. Department of the Interior have developed a statewide program to expedite restoration of injured resources and reduce the cost of Natural Resource Damage Assessments—the process by which trustee agencies assess and restore resources injured by oil spills.

Region 2 encompasses all or part of the following parishes: Ascension, Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, and St. John the Baptist. The draft Plan describes the affected environment, biological resources, and associated habitat types, as well as the natural resources/services that are likely to be injured by an incident, appropriate restoration types for each of the potentially injured resources/services, and available restoration projects that have been identified to date. Another key feature of the draft Region 2 Plan is the determination of a representative unit cost to restore predominant habitat types in the region as part of a cash settlement. The proposed predominant habitat types in Region 2 are coastal herbaceous wetlands, oyster reefs, and coastal-forested wetlands.

For more information and/or to receive a copy of the draft Plan, please visit ***www.darp.noaa.gov*** or contact one of the following individuals:

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The draft Region 2 Plan will be released on or before September 23, 2003. Written comments should be submitted to William Conner by October 23, 2003, at the address listed above.