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return to Select File. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Brashear on the motion to return LB 85.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, thank you. members of the body. I listened carefully to the words of my good friend Senator Quandahl. You know, he is the rural senator from far west Omaha. (Laughter) And I think we ought to slow down. I think we ought to interpret the terminology and understand what's afoot here. This is not the first time in the history of the great state of Nebraska that somebody has moved a bill which was unanimously advanced from committee, which was unanimously amended by the committee, which had been studied with an interim study, onto the floor, into another available legislative bill. You can dis...obviously, anybody can do anything they want to. But we can criticize that procedure, but it's not like anybody here hasn't seen it before, or shouldn't have. It's part of the process. Secondly, occasionally, I suspect, in our humanity, we pass a flawed bill. But let's don't confuse our words. "Flawed" is not legitimately interpreted as "some of us disagree with this result." That's not flawed. This is not a flawed bill. There are those here who disagree with what we're doing. And let's boil it down to its simplest form. You can wait until next session, of course. There are lots of things we wait upon. You can wait until the next session. But what you risk is that someone will come into Nebraska and they will, because you are waiting until next session, they will take advantage of you, and they will buy their ground, and they will sign their contract, and they will be grandfathered, because this happens to be an area of the law in which we have exercised no jurisdiction for ourselves. If we do not wait, guess what, they're going to have to continue to retain their lately hired lobbyist, they're going to have to come back and ask us to amend that jurisdiction, or to deal with them concerning that jurisdiction which we have decided to establish on behalf of the people for the state of Nebraska concerning private prisons. We sometimes, with all due respect, don't listen to the Attorney General of the state of Nebraska. Now, I don't want to get into a huge argument here, but I'm certainly not prepared to accept the opinion of the Attorney General of North or South Carolina which is drafted in