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originally was set out to do, which is regulate private prisons. And I believe...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So, Senator Quandahl, ...could I stop you for just a minute please? So essentially, if I'm understanding you correctly, your amendment would allow counties and cities and local subdivisions to contract with private prisons. Is that correct?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: If I could respond to that, only if that they have agreed to regulations promulgated by the Department of Correctional Services. So only under those same guidelines that our own state prison systems are already operating. So, yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. And I would have to oppose that, Senator. I don't think that we particularly want that. So with that, I guess I would give the rest of my time back to the Chair, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to ask Senator Schimek a question or two, please.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schimek, if you would yield to a question?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Schimek, I wasn't...I'm not sure if it was here, or if I didn't pay much attention. I wasn't really...I'm not too informed about what this bill does. And I want you to tell me, is this a piece of legislation that will promote private prison construction, or prevent private prison construction?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, neither one, Senator. What it does is it establishes standards and practices for any private prisons that are operated in the state of Nebraska, and puts them under the supervision of the Department of Corrections. And the