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place a whole set of standards that can be used, which can then be examined from the point of view of people who might be interested in establishing some sort of private prison, who can come back to us next year with suggestions. And with respect to the one issue that we have, the federal prisoners, I don't know if it's been mentioned, I haven't heard all of the discussion so far, but we did put into the bill a severability clause. As you will recall, what that means, it directs the court to sever out anything that's unconstitutional if they think...if the issue should come up with respect to federal prisoners, they can simply say, this bill is good for everything in it, but it cannot dictate the question of private prisons for federal prisoners. It...they, the court, can sever it out. And this is a little stronger, actually, than a general severability clause, because this severability clause was put in pursuant to and related to a discussion on the very subject of private prisons for federal prisoners, so the court would clearly understand that we intend that particular item to be severable if in fact the courts should find that way. But I'm not sure there's ever going to be a clear resolution of that subject, even subject to further examination of the legal precedent. And so we may not go anywhere on that issue over the next year or two. We may...it may have to be resolved by the courts or by further congressional action. In any event, I don't think that passing the legislation this year would endanger the legislation. And I believe that there are at least two very strong reasons to pass the bill the way it is, one, to get standards in place, and two, to be sure we're not a dumping ground for prisoners from other states.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So having said those things, I hope you will consider them, and not return the bill to Select File for amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Landis, Schimek, and Wickersham.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, first of all, I think Senator Beutler made very wise comments