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restored funding for it? Were you aware that that's what your vote would have helped to do?

SENATOR TYSON: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If you had known that, would you have voted to advance the bill?

SENATOR TYSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can I get an understanding from you of why you would have voted to refund the Hastings Correctional Center?

SENATOR TYSON: I was not voting to refund the Hastings Correctional Center. I was voting for LB 1115 because I thought that setting up the drug courts as it does is a worthwhile step in solving a very serious problem.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you vote for the veto...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of override package?

SENATOR TYSON: No, I voted against the (inaudible)...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you would have voted...oh.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I do not think in 16 sessions that I have ever taken exception to anything that Senator Chambers said on the floor of this Legislature. I believe that the only way to accomplish our role and mission is to allow for the free flow of informed debate. But Senator Chambers, a few moments ago, created for himself a title, and I...it's my personal belief and perhaps my personal belief only that the title Dean of the Legislature is one that we should reserve for the late departed, Senator Jerome Warner. I freely