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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Aguilar, you'd have the option to lay the bill over, Senator, or take it up.

SENATOR AGUILAR: We'll take it up.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Wish to take the bill. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Aguilar is going to need 33 votes all the way across the board on this one. I'd like to ask him a few questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Aguilar, would you respond?

SENATOR AGUILAR: I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Aguilar, the intent of this bill is to allow Hall County to, in effect, have a private jail. Is that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Not just Hall County, but, you know, any county in Nebraska. That is true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the private jail would be owned and operated by a profit-making operation. Is that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: It would be managed by a...for private profit.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It could be owned by them too, though, couldn't it? And they...there could be a lease-purchase arrangement with the county?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Oh, I think it could be, but I don't believe that's our intention.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But that could be, but that's in the bill, a lease-purchase, so that's in the bill. That could be done under the bill.