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SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When a private profit-making operation is doing anything, what is the number one goal of that profit-making operation?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Of course, they want to make money.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And in order to make money, you have to spend less than what you're taking in. Is that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: That would be true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And in order to maximize the amount you take in, you try to reduce the cost of specific components of whatever it is you're doing. Is that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Or you could say eliminate waste and run it more efficiently and have the same meaning.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Or you could say cut corners. Is that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, in some situations that would be true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now who is liable if a jail comes into being of the kind you're talking about? Who is liable for the mistreatment of inmates?

SENATOR AGUILAR: The county, eventually.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why would the county then want to put itself in a position to allow liability to be created by a profit-making enterprise, whose goal is to make as much money as possible and expend as little by way of expenses, upkeep or whatever?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Because I'm sure they understand that they will still have oversight over the facility and can control what's going on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are the county board members in Hall County