

that...that's perfectly sa...because I had not other intentions that it would be Department of Education because they...they do run the schools.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Okay, I think that would help me out a lot in terms of this amendment in the sense that the Department of Education is intimately involved in the studies that are going on right now, and they would be in a position to decide whether or not the length of the lease would interfere with any plans for a more efficient use of these grounds. So, with that, I still don't know if I'm going to vote for it or not, because I still have some concerns about whether or not it...it...it will end up as a means to preserve the buildings, as opposed to just preserving the programs, but appreciate your willingness to make that clear that it would be the Department of Education that would be approving these leases. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I rise to support the Wehrbein amendment. I did have some concerns at first, and we've talked to, both of us have talked to DAS, and they have pretty much okayed this. And I...beings it's under the Department of Education, I don't see where there's any problem, because they would have the jurisdiction to...to rent these facilities. And it's a shame if there's space in one of them, or both of them, that comes up. This gives the Department of Education the right, as I see it, to rent these facilities out instead of letting them stay idle. And so with...DAS has worked very closely with me on this bill, and wants it, and also Eric Byrd with fiscal...and I just wholeheartedly support, beings DAS has no problem, this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I was wondering if...Senator Hall mentioned that we could limit the lease or the contract for rental for...limit it to one year. And I was wondering if...I was wondering if he and Senator Wehrbein would...would object to an amendment which would read limiting to...the contract for one year, or the rental for one year.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall.