

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yes.

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there before us a \$59 million appropriation to build a prison, plus \$10 million to staff it? Is that before us now?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Formally before us?

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SENATOR MAURSTAD: Only in discussions that I've had yesterday and today, and the chairman's indication that...and...about the amendment that he has filed dealing with the permanent facility.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But we both know there's a difference between dealing with an issue that's before us right now that we have to act on and one off in the future that we may or may not act on. Wouldn't you agree that there's a difference between those two types of things?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I think that one needs to take into consideration the context of the comments that...during the deliberation of the appropriations bill, and as a result I would say my answer to you would be no. And thank you for complimenting...I'm really getting older.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: My time is running out. I'm going to ask Senator Will to put on his light and give me some time because Senator Maurstad doesn't really want to answer me directly. So I'm going to make a statement and then see if you agree with it. The issue that we're going to vote on is Senator Lindsay's amendment to add \$1,700,000 to this appropriations bill. Senator Wehrbein has drafted an amendment talking about \$59 million for a prison, plus \$10 million to staff or operate it. But he's going to withdraw that amendment, so we're not going to vote on that. The only thing before us, with reference to voting on doing something about adding money for prison building, is Senator Lindsay's amendment. Do you agree with that?