

SENATOR MAURSTAD: To be consistent with my earlier answer, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And not just being consistent, being correct. If there is not a proposal for us to vote on, to add a total of \$69 million for prison building and staffing, that's not anything that is an immediate issue for us to vote on, is there?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: No, and I'm not trying to evade your answer, I just believe that you need to take decisions like this in the context of the total issue, as you do many times, and not just from an isolated viewpoint on what is directly in front of us.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, we're talking about stinginess now. So when you...the only thing that will be voted on, in terms of adding money, is Senator Lindsay's amendment, and you're going to vote against it. Right?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Unless...unless, as I indicated, there is a commitment by the Legislature and the Governor to be supportive of the permanent facility as a part of this whole deliberation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Maurstad, how would they give that assurance in a form that would convince you that it's going to be delivered on?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: If...as far as the administration goes I would have complete faith and confidence if he verbally indicated that he was supportive of that. I would accept his pledge of that as enough assurance.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did he say he was going to finish out his term as Governor? Did he solemnly promise that and actually put that in writing...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yes, he did.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...as a pledge?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yes, he did.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did he keep that pledge?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Well, he might have the opportunity to.