

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, but did he keep...well somebody could force him to. But did he voluntarily keep that pledge?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: No, he did not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And he's in the process of working to do away with it, if at all possible, isn't he?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yes, he is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what I'm saying now is not just to attack him for running for Senate, because we know politicians will try to step higher. But these verbal commitments, whether orally or in writing, don't mean anything. It counts...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...when you put the money on the table. Now, if we were to adopt Senator Lindsay's amendment, and that's all the prison building that will occur, do you think it would be better to do that as opposed to doing nothing else in the future? Add the hundred beds and Quonset hut...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: No, it wouldn't be better than doing nothing, I acknowledge that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I agree with you on that, thank you. And since my time is going to run...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: You're welcome.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...out, the point I want to make is this, when I mentioned stinginess, the thing that will come closer to defeating Senator Lindsay's amendment is that enough senators are unwilling to spend this money in addition to what has already been added to the appropriations bill, and that's what I'm counting on, not the persuasiveness of any argument. But I'm going to bring an amendment, Senator Maurstad, to cut some of that money that we already have added. And I want to ask you a question about that, unless my time is up.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: See.