

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. I'd yield to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Will. Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Maurstad, is it your position, and I know in your mind is the idea of ultimately building this 480-bed facility, so that...I don't even challenge you on that. And I know that you cannot assure its being done by yourself, but that's what you would like to see.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I demonstrated that yesterday.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you still of a mind not to appropriate any money for these Quonset huts this session?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, if they've got \$3,500,000 appropriated for that wasteful purpose, and that's bad, it would be less bad if we cut that amount in half, wouldn't it?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yes, it would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you support cutting it in half, if we could?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you would rather keep the bad thing instead of mitigating it?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: The reason why I wouldn't, and...is because I believe that if we do anything on a short-term basis that it will provide the incentive to not do anything on the long-term problem. And so I don't want to provide that which might delay which I believe needs to occur.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well,...