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SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What they have done is to put a "two" into the budget.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So that's what they decided to do. And that is not good, because you'd rather see them do nothing. Well, if two is bad, wouldn't reducing it to one be less bad from your position?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yeah, I did agree with you that it would be less bad, but I still could not support that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, then I just don't see the logic, I'm missing that. But I'm in opposition to Senator Lindsay's amendment. And I would like to ask Senator Lindsay a question, if I may.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Lindsay, will you yield?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Lindsay, were you requested by the Governor to do this?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Actually, I had told the Governor's Office that I was going to do this, and they said, good, we were going to ask you to do it anyway.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you know that this was something the Governor wanted done?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Oh, sure, I'd read in the paper that it was part of his original budget package, that he had had the 300-beds instead of the 200.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, you know how people say...they say jump, and you say, how far? So, Senator...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, I was already in the air when he said jump.