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expressing it would not withstand legal analysis in a courtroom but just to make clear what the issue is. Because of the personal liability issue, a lot of areas that were considering privatization are not any more because since it's a private operation, a profit-making corporation, they cannot claim any of the immunity that the state or its employees will have, so that means there are going to be very high insurance premiums that will have to be paid or these operations are not going to be insured. The state is going to have to be an insurer of these profit private operations and the whole thing is in such a state of general chaos that it would be the worst possible thing to consider in Nebraska. And I'm glad that the Appropriations Committee did not snatch on to this particular thing that has been politically alluring in other states and say that this will be the direction that the state ought to go. So I am applauding the Appropriations Committee for not falling into that particular snare. Now back to this bill. I have some amendments that I intend to offer. One of them is going to show how reasonable I am. I'm not going to try to kill the bill entirely with one of the amendments that I'm going to propose. All I would do on page 1 is to put a period after the word "facility" in line 5. Then I would strike the remainder of the bill, and this is what would remain: "The Department of Correctional Services is hereby authorized to begin a competitive site selection process for a new medium-maximum security adult correctional facility." That would be all that we would do with this bill, authorize them to begin a site selection search. There is too much right now which is up in the air. Senator...oh, Senator Hillman, you haven't been here nearly as long as I have. Neither has Senator Schimek, but if I put the years together that both of you have been here maybe you've been here about half as long as I've been here, but it's long enough to know from looking at the way we consider whether a project...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is going to go forward where construction is involved we require far more to be on the table in the term...in terms of specifics than we have with reference to this prison, and that shows the political nature of this effort. It is totally imprudent to go on as we are being asked to do