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Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Further discussion on the Brown amendment to the committee amendments to LB 880, Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, as one sit and listen...sits and listens to the debate this afternoon and the discussion, what happens is that you find yourself, as a practical matter, confronting the Brown amendment, which I am not persuaded that we ought to spend \$3.8 million just because we've spent \$800,000. I mean, if I'm a taxpayer sitting at home wanting to make certain that we're all here being good stewards of our money, having spent \$800,000 doesn't compel me to spend \$3,800,000 more. I certainly don't think, following this debate, if someone is going to get up and defend, then they better start doing so. Because, if you've listened to this debate, you come away with kind of lack of confidence in what we have done, what we are doing, and where we're going, if we know. And I would further suggest that this amendment, if this amendment succeeds, fine, we save \$3.8 million, but then the lobbying will start between this round and the next round. If we defeat this amendment, then we're going forward. The lobbying...the guards will surround the camp, so to speak. And this amendment does not provide us any alternative. This is just an up or down chance to discuss, but it goes nowhere. So what I wanted to rise to do was to cause us to focus, if there's a...there seems to be a growing sentiment on the floor that what was advanced or suggested in the past is not where we are today, that what we did is not now right, that we are slated to do or scheduled to do we ought not do. If that's where the sentiment of the body is, then I think the business of the people requires that we very quickly develop a plan and offer a constructive sense of direction. I can be supportive of the concept of not doing the work camp. I don't want to take any credit, for Senator Jensen, I believe, has proposed informally in conversations on the floor that we postpone for a period of time, two, three years, whatever, we postpone the construction of the work camp and that we divert these monies which would be approximately sufficient to doing the work that Senator Thompson has talked about in terms of the Geneva and the Kearney facilities. I am no more interested in diving in headfirst into