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SENATOR BOHLKE: Just yes or...I mean I don't want to...(laugh)
go ahead if you feel like answering, but...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: I just don't know that I can answer that. I
can try to get that answer for you. There are some door
modifications, but I don't know if that's to deal with the
locking mechanisms or because they're wood and they should be
made of another material or...I don't know what those are.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Well, and the reason I...I stand and ask that,
that I think it could be part of the public record that we've
had the discussion. We hear that we're going to spend over
\$600,000 to do some repairs and if that is not part of it then I
think we stand in even worse shape than we began. And I know
that Senator Thompson said she's grateful for the money that
we're receiving, and I think about that and I'm...I don't know
as I'm grateful. We have an awful situation in the state that
needs to be addressed and so we can say, you know, that we're
glad we're going to go forward, but to take the \$600,000 and as
people have said in how we're going to spend it and not even
possibly address, I think, something that I found quite
appalling when you described that to me. I'm not grateful for
that. And I hope that we send a direct message that if we spend
this money at least we're raising that issue to the people of
this state and to every other state senator that that's a
situation that should be rectified immediately with any money
that we're spending remodeling or trying to bring that building
up to grade before we go forward, and so I wanted that on public
record. And I thank Senator Price for first raising it and the
indications from Senator Thompson and I hope the people behind
the glass, who have the authority to send that kind of
direction, will see that possibly that has a priority. I just
think that's a terrible situation and I can't imagine that we
haven't had any litigation so far and at least we could resolve
that as we wait for the study to be completed and hopefully in
the not too far future take the steps to have a new facility
because this one certainly sounds like it needs to be replaced.
Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Continued