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SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Well, I mean I...and...and, regrettably, I've not toured the facility so I don't...I can't rely on firsthand evidence, but I've heard people who have toured them say that there are fire hazards and all this sort of thing. You know, standing from a distance like I am, why would you build a new building rather than fix the fire hazards in the old or the existing buildings?

SENATOR THOMPSON: The...well, first of all, I think it's the responsibility of the administration at DAS to have a plan for that. A lot of this is not fixable without building new buildings and tearing down buildings. In this case, there will be 20 new beds at this facility that won't be in...mixed in with the regular population, so by virtue of that fact.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: The others are, and I'll put my light on and get back to you what those particular things are, are going to require the implementation of the entire plan because the fire issues deal with the structure of the buildings. They also have money left...

SENATOR RAIKES: Well, I if I...if I could just...

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...from last year.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...but in here one...

SENATOR THOMPSON: Okay.

SENATOR RAIKES: You are suggesting then maybe that this new building would replace some existing buildings...

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...so that you wouldn't then fix those buildings up so that maybe this \$1.7 million wouldn't be necessary?

SENATOR THOMPSON: I'm going to have to look at what the \$1.7 million is for. Some of that could be done as regular