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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...gave for the HHS agency hearing, they did not list the Wilderness Camp as one of the items to be considered. Do I know that for a fact? No. But when I look at what's published in the World-Herald, they give a list of the agencies, but they don't give a list of specific items coming up, so the public would not have notice of this. Now, if they give a different kind of notice, I'm waiting for somebody on that committee to tell me, but nobody has, so I presume that what I've read in the paper is the way they give their notices. And this is an important issue; it should have been subject to a public hearing, it was not. It is bad policy and only the Governor's administration could circumvent that particular important part of our legislative process.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Jensen, on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Legislature, there's a couple things here I think you ought to be aware of in that this was done, initially, by the previous administration. There was an RFP that was sent out. Why it was sent out was because we had, even then, we had an overcrowding in our YRTC's; they needed to do something, so this was a proposal that they had thought...the previous administration to do this. They sent off a...an RFP, and other providers, at that time, would have had the opportunity to reply. They did receive some replies and then, through the administration change, this administration also took a look at it and said this is a worthwhile program. We still have got overcrowding at the YRTC's, this would be a way to alleviate that problem and I think would be cost-effective, and also they looked into many of the...those that were out there in the business that were...had a track record behind them. Then this would have even been done last year. We started out with about a \$6 million surplus in TANF funds, Temporary Aid to Needy Families, which these dollars could have been used for. All of those dollars plus more was eaten up with the child care change that was done; all of those dollars went for child care, plus more, and that's part of a deficit appropriation that we'll have later on in the discussion on the budget. So those dollars are gone, that's why this