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standards, to bring it to the minimum guidelines, once the existing lease expires we would be obligated to come up to full compliance with all federal requirements. Right now, they're letting us go because we're in this process. It would cost us \$18.5 million that we would have to spend on that facility and we would be putting that money in an old facility that would still not be convenient and set up for a retirement...a care center. It still would not be a good facility.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And would that be all our own money?

SENATOR PREISTER: We would get some match, but it would be a different ratio, so we would have to spend more than the \$8 million.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. Thank you, Senator Preister. And, colleagues, I would encourage us to continue thinking about this issue and perhaps doing something on Select File. And I know we have to be cautious about making these kinds of considerations, but I do believe that this is an exception to the rule; that we really do, because of the circumstances of time and other kinds of limitations, the we do need to consider this. And I believe, as Senator Preister believes, that we do have this commitment to make. So with that, Mr. President, I'd turn the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. There are no further lights on. Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to close, if you care to.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I appreciate Senator Preister's comments and I would say he's probably a little more accurate than I am, Senator Schimek, on whether we can actually change within a year once we make a commitment. It probably would become a new ball game, but...in terms of increasing size at this last minute. But the important thing is to realize we needed to get on the waiting list and we needed to make a commitment. That has been done by the administration, that has been done by the Appropriations Committee, and I would urge you to make that commitment also. And I won't go into detail now, but on the Military Department