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SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: ...you've still got 1,500 maximum-security beds. And we don't need...I don't think we even have that many maximum-security prisoners in the state. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Maxwell.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you. Mr. President, members, I have a few comments, and I have a few questions. And I guess one misconception, if it's out there, I want to clear up right now. First of all, Senator Chambers, may I ask you a question?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers, would you yield, please?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Do you think that I would be doing the Governor's bidding, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Why not?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You're very intelligent, you're independent, and you would not have anybody jerking your chain of the caliber of the Governor.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Whoa. Thank you. (Laughter)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, should I stop?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: (Laugh) That wasn't the answer I wanted, Senator Chambers. But I'll leave it at that. I think that...you know, I have to tell you, I agree with so much of what Senator Pedersen and Senator Chambers and the Judiciary are trying to achieve. I agree. We need to do more in this arena. And I think that's the direction we're heading. It may be slower than we like, but I think it's the direction we're heading. But Senator Brashear, if I could, ...where are you? Who's the Vice Chair?