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funding, which is exactly what I proposed doing with state aid, specifically with TEEOSA. And I was lectured about no public hearings. Well, this had no public hearing. This had no warning whatsoever, and it was done on Select File, for goodness sake. I offered my proposal on General File. And whatever else you want to say, I made enough noise about it that I'm sure the public knew more about my proposal than it knew about the proposed closing of the Lincoln Correctional Center. I feel I'm on much stronger ground. So I say, a temptation is gnawing at me, because if this holds up, maybe I run my amendment again, because I'll take it as a sign that the body has changed its mind about the way to do business in here. Now, the truth is, Senator Schimek, my desire to be a team player and make what I think is the best public policy for Nebraska probably will override my narrow political self-interest. But I am tempted. That's all. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Bourne (sic). Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Burling a question or two.

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

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Burling, is Hastings in your district?

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was there a facility closed in your district?

SENATOR BURLING: The Correctional Center was closed, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was the Governor fighting tooth and nail to keep that from happening?

SENATOR BURLING: No.