

SENATOR WARNER: I was...all I was trying to make sure that we weren't adding to the workload of the committee that was established yesterday to look at mandates, and I thought it sounded like we were mandating...

SENATOR WESFLY: Oh, oh, no.

SENATOR WARNER: ...local government how to use the money is what I took you to say. That's all I'm trying to figure out.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, with the Maurstad amendment, that clearly is not the case.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: So you want to vote for the Maurstad amendment to avoid that problem is what I'm suggesting.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator, Senator Crosby, did you have anything additional?

SENATOR CROSBY: Yes, I did because something more was said that concerns me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, just very quickly. Senator Wesely is using the editorial we, I think, when he says we're looking at closing the Lincoln Regional Center. Nobody's told me that we're closing the Regional, Lincoln Regional Center. I know there's been lots of problems out there. I've gone to bat for several employees because they did not have...they don't have enough help always on the wards. They don't have...and the smoking policy was a disaster. When you take patients out in the middle of the night at two o'clock in the morning because they take away their smoking room, so they go outside so they can smoke, there's something wrong. I will agree on that, Senator Wesely. But I hope if...I don't know what group you're working with. No one has come to me and said we need to close down Lincoln Regional Center. I think we need to correct the problems and see to it that it does stay open, that the services are delivered the way they should be delivered, and that the people are taken care of because as I understand it...well, I won't say anything further because one thing about the, the patients who need stricter care, security and so on, the Lincoln Regional Center, I think, is the only place with that, with a real facility, that the facility can be as secure as possible. So I'm privy to all the things that you