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necessary qualifications, personnel, and ability to comply with financial terms of the contract, and to comply with the court orders and department standards. Each contractor shall obtain insurance or provide self-insurance to compensate or indemnify the state. State laws regarding public employees do not bind the contractors. Regarding criminal laws, any laws that apply to state correctional institutions shall apply to private institutions. The department has to monitor the contractor's compliance and, except for their financial records, they have access to all parts of the facility. The Director also has the authority to enforce compliance with standards and may impose a fine. Each contractor can or shall acquire and maintain accreditation by the American Correctional Association of its facility within two years. Department shall have the authority to determine the location of a facility. And LB 751 places limits on private contractors' ability to house inmates from federal prisons in other states. And finally, it talks about employees of private contractors shall be searched by fingerprint records, et cetera. A couple of these provisions have been eliminated by the committee amendment, which is incorporated into this particular amendment. So, with that, I think I would like to...to stop right here and offer the rest of my time to the Committee Chair, Senator Brashear, who may have a few things to add about the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear, you're recognized for the balance of the opener's time, about three minutes.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. As Senator Schimek indicated, and I think it's well worth repeating, this is LB 751, her priority bill; it was heard by your Judiciary Committee; it was advanced unanimously; it was advanced unanimously with a unanimously adopted amendment, that unanimously adopted amendment has been incorporated by Senator Schimek into AM2208. I will tell you that the focus of the Judiciary Committee in its consideration and deliberation of this bill was the fact that the state has a legitimate interest here in exercising jurisdiction in a regulatory manner when you come to matters such as incarceration. For instance, your committee specifically incorporated into its amendments, and now it's a part of AM2208, the prohibition against the housing of