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opinion?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: That's the same language. That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does this bill we're talking about relate to trying to prohibit Congress from constructing or operating a prison?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Specifically no. But I do believe, and I think it...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, no, I'm just asking you the question. And that's all I have to ask of you, and you can do the rest on your time. Thank you. members of the Legislature, some lawyers don't read carefully. And when they are doing work for somebody else, they want us to accept the fact that he or she is lawyer, therefore we ought to take his or her word for something. If you read this opinion, it's talking about Congress having the power to construct prisons in any state. In order for the federal government to construct a prison, it must construct it somewhere within the United States. So it must be constructed within a state. We're talking about private companies constructing prisons. If Congress decides to construct a federal prison in Nebraska, we know that the state cannot prohibit Congress from doing that. Why in the world are you all going to waste a lot of time based on an opinion written by an Attorney General in another state that deals with whether or not Congress can authorize the construction of a federal prison? When you have to make these long, illogical reaches, it is clear that a rational argument based on the facts before us cannot be made. This opinion that Senator Quandahl gave us is totally irrelevant. This is not the first time a lobbyist has misled a senator who trusts the lobbyist...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...rather than his or her own judgment. I'm going to listen to the debate. And I see other bills on here that I don't like. I see one with Senator Quandahl's name on it that I don't like, the Antelope Park, and the other one, the "Tale of Two Cities" bill. And anticipating what might happen,