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Elementary in Kearney, Nebraska. (Introduces teachers.) They are all seated in the north balcony. Will you stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Madam Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature, by no means have I tried to block the beds that need to be built. I'm trying to do something else with them beds. Just a couple of things that came up that I want to mention to you. When we talked about community corrections that we now have in Nebraska, Senator Maurstad, Senator Maurstad, will you answer a ques....

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad, will you yield.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: ...yield, please.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Do you realize how many people we have in community corrections that are actually on work release today?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: No more than the statistics that I gave you, Senator.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Okay.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Three hundred thirty-seven, that my understanding is in both work release and some type of educational program.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: We've got about 390 in our two community release...community corrections centers. Out of 290 prisoners, I need to tell you that only 121 of them are on work release, 230 are on this work detail that we're paying...they are going out with the people from roads and working on roads and they're not...it's better than what they would have with no job at all, but it still is not what we would call honest work release. And that goes into the same thing that Senator Wehrbein was talking about on the bottom of that first page of the memorandum that we just handed out that I got from Jack Falconer, the Assistant Director, where it says the Department does not currently have