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since this is a first-time offender, nonviolent, instead of compelling him or her to be sent across the state for six months, apart from family, community and all of those supportive structures that those who understand corrections realize are essential to helping this miscreant become a "noncreant", if there's such a word, rather than send this person all the way over there, the judge will put the person on probation and they're not going to be going from Lancaster, Sarpy and Douglas County perhaps all the way out to McCook. However, if the Department of Corrections undertakes this study and determines that it would be more appropriate to locate this work camp someplace else, that is the decision that should be taken. The only question I would have about this amendment is whether we ought to authorize the Department of Corrections, the Director of the department, to make that siting decision, or if we ought to have it brought back to us by way of the Executive Board and then the Legislature make the decision. There is an area at that point which would allow for some discussion. But the purpose in getting the amendment up there is to require that there be a review of the location before any more money is expended. If you have any questions on the amendment, I'm prepared to answer them.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We're now open for discussion on the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments to LB 878. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Chambers, if I could have a little discussion with you, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: I have a few questions, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: You say no money can be used on the prison, any studies or anything.