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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...first?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...I...I'm saying it's not their first time they've ever committed an offense.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But let me finish. They go to Kearney first, and then a determination is made as to whether this person would be suitable to go to this camp, is that true?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if you have this great influx of youngsters, and when the camp starts it's not going to be able to operate at capacity of 50, when it first opens, isn't that true?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: That's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, when you have the overflow, what are you going to do then, start another camp someplace else? If that 50 is met, in terms of the capacity, and you still have overcrowding at Kearney, are you going to build another camp someplace else? Is that what the Appropriations Committee felt?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: May...may I respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I think that you're assuming that this is 50 additional young people who would be incarcerated. That isn't necessarily the case. We have the overcrowding situation at Kearney. It would be my understanding that they would evaluate those people who are incarcerated at Kearney and start filtering off those that would operate in the Wilderness Camp situation. And then as new offenders would come in, those offenders would be evaluated, and then they would be appropriately either placed at Kearney or placed in the Wilderness Camp. So the idea is to reduce the population at Kearney, not to...not to add 50 more people.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.