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SENATOR JENSEN: So then because we just do not have the room, we are letting them out...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's correct.

SENATOR JENSEN: ..much earlier.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's correct.

SENATOR JENSEN: All right. In the President's crime package, there were some dollars that were supposed to be spent for additional prison facilities. Does this come underneath those guidelines at all? Are there any matching dollars (inaudible)?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: You know, I'm not aware. I read the paper about those dollars. I don't know of any access that we have at this point. Maybe... maybe someone else does. I don't as they've not come to our attention in our committee.

SENATOR JENSEN: And then, of course, I think you might have answered the last question I had and that was could this be part of the crime bill that is before us and you mentioned that it wasn't.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, I'm not 100 percent knowledgeable of what is in the proposed crime bill, whatever that is, 4...

SENATOR JENSEN: 471, I believe.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ..471. I'm not 100 percent clear of what's in that proposal, especially since it's been amended in the committee. I am looking forward to that debate. I have some analysis of it that we're still putting together of what... what the cost will be, but this is independent of that at this point. It's a letter that came to our attention just on May 2nd, so it's less than... less than two weeks ago about the need to open up another cottage at Kearney on a temporary basis, which is for the next fiscal year.

SENATOR JENSEN: And when we say temporary, we're talking about one year, but certainly it will be there for future years.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, the authorization is only for the one year.