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this work camp. The numbers are going down on the medium to maximum security prisoners. These people, granted, some of them would be placed on probation, but those people, as I understand it, are going to be out there being trained and learning skills. They're not simply going to be incarcerated; they're going to be out working. And I believe that's the alternative we need for a lot of these people and not so much the maximum/medium security prison. And to some degree, although I think the age group, as Senator Pederson said, was 18 and up, that there is possibly some alternative to Kearney there. I don't know what the age limit is on Kearney, whether they take anyone 18 or not, but it could be a possible alternative to the Kearney problem. Across the country, it's been pointed out that we do need to retrain these people or give them some skills training and that's the whole basis of the work camp--give them some viable alternatives. And they don't belong on a prison, as such, locked up. They need to be out working and developing some job skills and some self-worth, and that's what that work camp is designed to do. I think maybe they ought to build a lean-to on the prison down there to convert some of the prison into some...in Tecumseh, into some work camp area or something like that. Get these people out and give them some...teach them some skills and so on. The cost, granted, it's a little higher I guess than maybe incarceration, but it's...it's not a similar situation. These people are actually going to be...have...working with college instructors and taking classes and out in the public working, so there's some additional supervision as opposed to just simply incarcerating a person there. So, with that, I still oppose the amendment and would hope that other people could see this same way. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. My oh my, oh my, now we're going to get into a turf battle and I don't want to get caught up in that. My good friend, Senator Baker, certainly has a right to his opinion and I don't...do not deny him the fact. I suspect probably had the prison been built in McCook and had been the prison...and the work camp in Tecumseh I would...we'd be on the opp...we would be arguing the same point, only be on opposite sides. But, be that as it may, I understand what he's saying. The issue that I really want to talk about,