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ought to be, by the Director. Corrections is going to have to administer this program. Corrections, the people in Corrections will be aware of those supportive systems that need to be available for an operation such as this. So I hope my colleagues will adopt this amendment. Then, between now and Select File, any other tinkering that needs to be done with the language, if that's necessary to make it clear that the Director of Corrections will make the final decision, I'm not opposed to such language as that being offered. But, if you'd like, I will talk to the Director between now and then, but I don't know why that's necessary. We could just make that determination that the Director will make the decision. Other than that, I don't have a great deal more to say, but I would answer any questions that you might have.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Baker, on the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I...I need to clarify some of the things that we did out in southwest Nebraska. Once we lost the prison site, we had various other public meetings out there; met with the professionals, as Senator Chambers calls them, and they are professionals. I thought they did an excellent job of evaluating the situation. We worked with them on...we did have a different site selected for the prison, of course, than what ended up as a site for the work camp, so we went through a lot more...a number of other considerations there and so on, and we had public meetings. So we didn't just take what we had done for the prison site and say it's going to work for the work camp. We actually had a different clientele, obviously, with the work camp. These people are going to be out in the public and so on and there were some concerns and we...they were raised. We addressed those concerns with the public and we, of course, it was a reeducation or an education process, as the difference between a maximum and medium-security prison is altogether different than a work camp, as far as the people assigned out there. So we didn't just move things from the prison camp, prison site, over to the work camp site and say this is fine. We actually went through another set of meetings and studies and so on, and we worked with the public saying is there work out...for these people, will they be a problem in the public, and so on. And so