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SENATOR THOMPSON: Okay, that's what I was attempting to say. Under the new arrangement, the general public would be able to enter our Law Enforcement Training Center, if they've completed the academic courses, is that correct?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yes, but it's...it's...I still believe that they will take preference over those that have already been hired again for a while, until we can...can get things moving.

SENATOR THOMPSON: I'm...I'm concerned about the screening mechanism in the bill. And I just want to...the issue was raised to me, what about the fact that for the first time, whether they could have done it before, but actually operationally this will make it more possible, that there are elements in our society who might want to have information on how law enforcement is trained, who might want information for their own purposes, for subversive means. How do we...how do we, now that this facility is more open to the general public, is there a way to screen those people that could cause harm to society by the information they could obtain? How...how are...how do we know that they won't be able to be in that facility, or is there virtually, because of basic inability to deny anyone, based on supposition, I suppose, for them not to be eliminated from that?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Senator Thompson, this bill does not change the screening mechanism of how people get into the academy. All this bill is doing is taking the academic courses and putting them in the colleges, opening up more slots for the academy. But those people, after they finish their academic courses and have paid for their own tuition, still have to apply to the academy, like they do today, and go through the same kind of screening as they did before. The screening is not changed.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Okay. I guess my point would be that, if we pass this bill, we will be, by virtue of opening up more slots, make more slots available to the...to the general public than we would have otherwise. And that's just a consideration and a concern that I have from talking to some people in the field who are worried about the compromising and providing that information to some elements of society that we may not want to provide that information to. It doesn't change the current