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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, I will give my time to Senator Pederson, if he'd like to continue or fin' h on his Wilderness Camp.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Just to complete what I was starting to say, there will be a six to nine month period of supervision, intense supervision, after the boy is released from the Wilderness Camp. And I think this will give them an opportunity to, number one, find out what their problem is in the assessment; number two, work with them during the Wilderness Camp; and then, finally, have an appropriate period of time, after that, within which to treat them and to treat their specific problem. And I think I've talked to my good friend, Senator Dwite Pedersen, and I know that he would confirm the idea that the most important part of treatment is the aftercare. And I think we have not been doing as good a job in aftercare, certainly at Kearney, because what happens is they're in there for 60, 90 days, then they're sent back to the same environment that they came from, and they go back to doing the same things they did before they ever went in. So I think that this is the part that really impressed us was the fact that there would be a study program of effective treatment. It will cost us \$317,000 the first year, only because there's a federal program that does allow for additional funds for this. We would hope that that additional money would be available in the future, we have no assurance of that, but we do know that we have to do something about the facilities and something about getting real treatment for the young violators. So, with that, I yield back to Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator, now I'd like to yield the rest of my time to Senator Brown, and we'll talk more about the CHARTS issue.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President, members. One of the things that I want to emphasize in our discussion about CHARTS is that we're talking about the computer part of it. And CHARTS