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pressure of every kind at my disposal to prevent this Wilderness Camp from going forward. And I know the Governor's going to call people out there and threaten them and twist their arms and shout at them, and I'll to my arm-twisting and shouting in here and, unlike the Governor, I will not lie about what I'm doing. Every type of pressure I can bring to bear I intend to. This amendment that I'm offering would strike the Wilderness Camp project.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We are discussing the Chambers amendment, AM2819, to LB 1217. Senator Wehrbein, Senator Don Pederson, Senator Chambers. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I have more information here than probably I can possibly get across, and I was trying to decide how much to pass out because it's several pages and I hate to cut trees for that purpose, so I'm going to go slowly through some of the outline of this Wilderness Camp as presented to us, and understand that our committee took a full month to make a decision to go along with this. It was the last decision we made before winding up the budget because we, too, were skeptical about it. And I will say, probably in a nutshell, we don't have...we didn't or don't have a better alternative to what this Wilderness Camp proposes. In one sense of the word, perhaps Wilderness Camp is not an accurate description of what the camp really does, but I'll start out by saying it consists of three stages: the first stage, as I mentioned previously, where a juvenile would be assigned to Kearney for evaluation, which is a 20- to 30-day period; the second stage would go into a residential program for 90 days at this camp; and the third stage would be an aftercare program for 6 to 9 months. So this is approximately a year program. It's in a residential setting with a campus, a campus compromised of two sections--a primitive site and a residential site. The residential site includes dormitory living, school, dining facility, group therapy rooms and recreation area. The primitive site includes developed camping structures with area for school and group work. They're a spank...spike camp service learning opportunities, family involvement with multifamily groups, educational services and clinical services. It is not a boot camp approach of military discipline. The approach