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antisocial or criminal acts have consequences and significant consequences. I want both those things at the same time. I'm not sure how to get it. Frankly, I'm not sure that the Wilderness Camp can do that for us. Over time, I've come to conclude that the boot camp doesn't do that for us. So you've got me in a rock and a hard spot here, but I will tell you this. Ultimately, I want capacity sufficient to respond to the fact that there are criminal acts that need serious consequences. I want to do that in the context of rehabilitation. But, in the end, I don't think that we're well served to keep ourselves only to Kearney and Geneva. There's a broader spectrum of services that are needed and there are a broader spectrum of consequences which should be available. I don't want to rush kids to Kearney, I don't want to rush kids to Geneva, but I also don't want to keep us to only those limitations so that we don't have the capacity that we need.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: I'm not exactly sure what I'm going to do on this amendment, but I do want you to know at some point we need appropriate capacity. I'm interested in your thoughts on what that would be.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Schmitt, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. President, members, I guess I've been sitting back here listening to this and have to put my two cents worth in. I'm not sure we know where this Wilderness Camp is going to be located because I think we're probably going to have to have the money and stuff in place before it can even be put out there. I think the two locations that had been mentioned previous was Fullerton and Wahoo, but I am sure that if this bill does pass there will be others that will put their name in for the site, and where it would go I have no idea. I do feel this way from past law enforcement experience: age 13 to 18 is a trying time for teenagers. And I can tell you that from experience because I had two boys. It's a very trying time for teenagers. I enjoyed working with that age group. That was probably one of the highlights of my career was working with teenagers. I felt I could work with them and I could accomplish