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period of time to base final conclusions on. So, this amendment that I've offered is for the purpose of giving time for additional discussion. And I have no choice other than to continue offering such amendments until I feel there has been adequate discussion of this issue. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the body, as I said, we did spend a lot of time reviewing this matter and part of it was that we knew this was a very difficult situation, we knew that we had a great number of young boys that were at Kearney, and we had to decide what to do with them. First, we didn't think that we wanted the Wilderness Camp, because we didn't know enough about it, frankly, and we didn't know that that would alleviate the problem that we were concerned with. As we got to looking into the Wilderness Camp, seeing what it is...able to be accomplished by that program, we became more convinced that this is the route that we need to take. And, frankly, we did not see another alternative. We knew we had a problem and we didn't think that, being as responsible as we could, that we could just say, boy, that's a real problem, I sure hope somebody down the line, maybe next year, figures it out. We felt that we had to start doing something in order to alleviate the concern. And I don't think it makes any difference whether they're white children, black children or any other race, creed or color, I think it's important that we have a program that starts treating these young people. I think it's important that we start treating them, not only with putting them into a setting where they're required to be there, but also putting them in a situation where they are going to start to receive the root cause of their problem, to understand what that root cause is and attempt to resolve that problem. I think unless we can accomplish that, then we are going to have that recidivism rate that's going to keep popping back up. So I think we need to spend as much time doing that as anything else. And the thing that has troubled me in all of this discussion is the same thing that we were confronted with, frankly, I have not heard on this floor any alternative to what we're talking about, except let's study it, let's look into it for some future time. And I think we did have a hearing on this. We did discuss it in