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detail, and we're confident that we are going forward with the only available opportunity to start alleviating the problems that we have identified. If someone else has a different suggestion, I would love to hear it. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to ask Senator Don Pederson a question or two.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pederson, how did the Appropriations Committee announce to the public that they were going to have a hearing on this proposal?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: We had just our regular agency...agency hearings, and they're all published.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did it say that when this HHS hearing came up that they were going to consider a Wilderness Camp?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Ah...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In other words, if the public looked at whatever notice you put out, would they have been aware that this item was one of the things that would be discussed?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: It's my recollection that it was in the Governor's proposal. The Governor's initial proposal, I believe, talked about diverting funds from Kearney and Geneva and putting it into a Wilderness Camp, and...didn't it?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I'm asking about the Appropriations Committee hearing notice that it gives to the public, just like when the Judiciary puts a bill on its notice, there's a one-liner. When it...the announcement was made to the public that the Appropriations Committee was going to have a hearing on HHS, how was that announcement made to the public?