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wouldn't make that argument on any other point. I've listened to him. I've been here as long as Don...Senator Don Pederson has been here. Those are not the kind of arguments he or anybody else from the Appropriations Committee makes. They usually try to be meticulous, detailed and specific to the issue we're discussing. They cannot show us anything of a factual nature, because they don't have it. All they had was an advertisement type blurb from the company that wants the contract. We don't know what they mean by recidivism. Senator Don Pederson told me it's not speculation to use the term 30 percent recidivism at Kearney and that if you put this plan in place, then you're going to cut that figure. He doesn't know that, but he said, yeah, that's a fact. That is not a fact. Now, what he does know is that what he characterized as a fact is not a fact. He cannot tell me how many children are actually coming into Kearney during any kind of time period he wants to set up. But I don't think that they are sent there on a regularized basis where, well this quarter we're going to send 20, next quarter we'll send 20, next quarter we'll send 15, the final quarter we'll send 10. That's not quite the way they wind up out at that place. You can look at the total number that wound up coming there maybe in a year, but he wants to tell us that you're overcrowded by 85 now, when this camp starts, and I don't know when it will be up and running. Let me ask Senator Don Pederson a question on that score.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Pederson, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Pederson, now the only...

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...thing I'm asking you, because it's my time and mine does run out, when is this camp expected to be operational, and how many young people will it be able to accommodate at that point?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I think that the actual starting date would certainly depend upon the legislative process, because there isn't sufficient funds within which to enter into a contract. They have taken requests for proposal, and Senator Bromm alluded to those earlier, and I don't know if there's a