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variation on it?

SENATOR BAKER: I think the typical lease is seven years, that I'm aware of. That would be the most common.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. And the requirement is to get down to 25 percent of the holdings within seven years, is that right?

SENATOR BAKER: That's correct.

SENATOR KREMER: What...if the lessee would not want this land to be sold? Could it be sold before the lease expired?

SENATOR BAKER: No, cannot.

SENATOR KREMER: So, if they are going to reach a goal in seven years, they would need to start selling some of that land pretty soon then, wouldn't they? Because if any lease now that is made in the next few years cannot be sold then till some time after the seven-year period. Is that...is that correct?

SENATOR BAKER: That's exactly right.

SENATOR KREMER: Another thing I was wondering is, why are not the lands selling right now? Is it because of the formula to the starting bid, or is that the problem, or...

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, it is; they're using an artificially high figure.

SENATOR KREMER: And then...and what you're trying to do is correct that to some extent.

SENATOR BAKER: Yes.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. One other thing I'd like to ask is, are the proceeds from the leases, are they required to spend them each year, or is some of it reinvested back into...into bonds or...or funds or what?

SENATOR BAKER: The...the lease income is put into the Temporary School Fund. It is disbursed annually.