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that we should go off on this at this point. A year from now, I take that back, ten months from now, after a public hearing, if the Judiciary Committee thinks that's a good idea, I'll support it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Bourne, on the Pedersen amendment to LB 407.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I want to thank Senator Tyson for his comments because I think anytime an experienced businessperson gets up and talks about making structural changes I think we have to listen to him. And so I appreciate his comments and his advocacy for this. I do want to mention that what Senator Pedersen is talking about here is not unusual. Kentucky earlier this year released 560, 560 nonviolent offenders from prison. Oregon, their voters up in Oregon, the voters up there rejected a temporary income tax increase and, as a result, Oregon released a number of prisoners from their facilities as well. So, while I'm not saying they closed facilities, they did enable or force the release of a certain number of inmates. So this is not unusual, it's not unprecedented. We're in very difficult times and I think that this kind of makes some sense. Senator Pedersen, would you yield to a question or two?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pedersen, would you respond?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. I see on the paperwork that you handed out that there's 485 inmates that have a TRD, and is that a temporary release date?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Tentative release date.

SENATOR BOURNE: Tentative release date of less than six months from now. And I also see where the LCC has 468 inmates currently and it is 151 percent of capacity. So what you're advocating certainly makes sense in terms of how many of these inmates are at the end of their sentence. And now a tentative release date, those inmates and that, they've been judged to be