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about Kearney and Geneva now, which is a place of detention for juvenile delinquents determined to be delinquent, and sent there for a certain term. We're saying that under 12 they should not be sent there under any circumstances.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well couldn't we develop a home situation in a youth development center which might be better than a friendly home?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Yes, it is possible we could develop them but in answer to your, direct answer to your question, following along the line of the philosophy I mentioned in answering Senator Nore's question, the recommendation of the Judiciary Committee is going to be that there be community treatment for these kind of people. So in other words we are not going to look to a great big state institution to take care of these children, and that we are looking to again, we've done so much talking about local responsibility, local control, we're again asking the local community, look, these are your children, help us to take care of our children, this is what it is going to be. I think you will go along with it.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly, then Senator Barnett. Senator Kelly passing, Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well Mr. President, members of the legislature, I was going to answer Senator Whitney for the purpose that I think about four or five blocks north of my home here in Lincoln, we have exactly what you are talking about, we have home like atmosphere at the youth center for the Nebraska Home for Youths, they also have a holding complex, if the situation should arise that they couldn't find a home immediately for one of these young persons, they could hold it till the availability would be there. They do have the home like environment which you are talking about in about six dorms and I'm sure you've been there, if you haven't I'd be glad to take you back out and show you that, but this is in relationship to this bill and they can take care of them there.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the bill? Senator Kime did you wish to be heard?

SENATOR KIME: Well Mr. Chairman I'd like to ask a question of Senator Luedtke, will he yield?

SPEAKER: Senator Luedtke will you yield to a question?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Yes, I yield.

SENATOR KIME: About how many people do you think under 12 years old get in to this kind of trouble during the year?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Quite a number, I couldn't tell you exactly because a lot of them we never get any reports on, but there are quite a number of children that do get into trouble, obviously.

SENATOR KIME: Maybe a dozen or two dozen.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: More than that. A comment was made, I don't know where it came from that more than that in one small town in Nebraska.

SENATOR KIME: Well, Senator Luedtke, Senator Barnett is trying to answer my question here, he says he thinks there is about how many a day, four or five a day, that would have to go to a separate institution.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well Senator Kime what is your question about that?