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Fund. All this simply says is that is we contin...from this point forward, any money that is less than is raised this year by the cigarette tax going into those entities will be supplemented by money from the General Fund. That then says that it's the cigarette...is a cigar...if and when the cigarette tax goes up, consumption goes down, the money coming in from the cigarette tax is reduced, that those entities depending upon that 1 cent of each...cigarette tax will be held harmless, the General Fund will make it up. Now that's the essence of LB 683. There are going to be some additional amendments, as I say. And I will just tell you right now my intention is if this gets bogged down in a great amount of detail and I will strongly encourage to vote no on the amendments and advance the bill because I do not think that I can justify having it become bogged down because of the importance of the bill itself. I am somewhat agreeable to discussing what the individuals that do want to add amendments to this, because I think there are some serious issues that need to be discussed, but I do not also think it should take away from the importance of this bill in itself, which is very simple. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Mr. Clerk, did you have amendments?

CLERK: I do, Madam President. The first amendment, Senator Thompson, AM1651. (AM1651, Legislative Journal pages 1888-1889.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Thompson, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Madam Speaker and members of the body...Madam Chairman, excuse me. I appreciate Senator Wehrbein letting me have a little time today to bring this issue before the body, to take you back to a little bit of history on the issue. Originally, the bill, the juvenile justice bill, that was presented about a week or ten days ago, dealt with the issue of secure youth confinement. At that time the Department of Corrections and the administration came to me, as sponsor of that bill, actually the original bill was Senator Dwite Pedersen's bill, and suggested that we withdraw the original idea, which was to transfer the secure youth confinement facility that opened in Omaha last summer, that was originally