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part of those adjudications were assault in the first and second degree, three 14-year-olds, six 16-year-olds, and 17...and one 17-year-old and I believe that assault in the first or second degree is rape. Sex assault, excuse me, in the first degree, is rape. And there is also robbery, felony drugs...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR SUTTLE: ...felony arson, misdemeanor arson, burglary, weapons felonies, and manslaughter. These are the kinds of things, these are the kinds of children we are dealing with. They need a lot of help and they're just going to end up going to the adult facilities, which we have plenty of, it looks like, to accept the kids that are on their way up. I guess "graduation" is to the penitentiary. So I would urge you to please think about this over the interim and give it your serious thought about how this is going to affect our future budget and the future way we take care of our kids. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Suttle. On the Thompson override motion to LB 878, Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members, Senator Suttle and Senator Thompson, no, I don't believe we're a broken record. I think maybe we just have a little scratch in the groove so we're repeating ourselves, and I think we need to. As the old saying goes, the squeaky wheel gets the grease, so I think maybe we need to keep squeaking. I have been out to Geneva and toured the facility, and the thing that I have one of the problems with, with the Governor's veto, is the \$625,000 that's going to be spent out there on the Dunbar college (sic--cottage). We just as well take \$625,000 and flush it down the toilet. It is not going to correct the problem. It's just going to be wasted money. We have these young ladies locked up in this facility, in separate rooms, and if something happens out there they have to depend on their fellow inmates to unlock the doors to get them out of there. I've told a couple of the senators in here off the floor that I believe that if anything would happen out there in Dunbar college (sic--cottage) I could probably take the case and go to court and win it, and I don't have any law degree at all. But I don't believe there's a court in the country that wouldn't take that into consideration