

the housing units and say we're going to use this unit for adolescents. They've got different housing units out at NSP, for instance. NSP wouldn't be the place, but let's say out at LCC where they have most of the teenagers at right now. There's different mods out there, and each mod has two units. You could pick one unit or both units into adolescent units,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: ...structure their program right where they're at.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, okay. I just wanted to get that clear in my mind because, again, I apologize for not hearing everything that you said because I was outside and I just wanted to get it clear in my mind before this came up for a vote. So I appreciate that. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President and members of the body, I remember the...when we were talking about the people that are being expelled from school, I remember we had a meeting down in Senator Pirsch's office, talking about some alternatives. And there was a...the gentleman with the...I don't know, was their youth corrections official, I can't even remember the fellow's name. Also the...I think he was the president of the Omaha School Board. And there was...there was staff and senators there and they were talking about, I mentioned that I think to take care of some of these young people that are being expelled out of school, they have...in order to really help those young people you got to take them out of their environment. And I think that's what...I know Senator Pedersen and I have talked about this. And I think that's what he's talking about. We're talking about that feeder system of 250 or 300 young people that are being expelled out of school, that probably should be expelled out of school. And if you don't...and most of them wander around. They're a feeder system or farm club for the...for the prison systems. And I think that's what Senator Pedersen's getting at. I think Senator Bernard-Stevens has tried to address that in some of the legislation that he's had...he has. I'm not...I will not stand up and say that we don't need the facility that's being proposed under this, but I think it's something that we should be doing as soon as possible