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in the system. I will say that the two parts of this bill are direct recommendations of the task force. The third part of the bill to transfer the facility back to OJS, the Omaha facility, wasn't a specific recommendation although there was a recommendation by the task force that we need secure confinement. We either need to look at building a facility or using this facility so that we have access to it as originally intended. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Thompson, I actually jumped the gun and called one minute on you, thinking it was a five-minute presentation...

SENATOR THOMPSON: Good.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...and so if you have more, you still have time left.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you. Well, you know, I was thinking it was going faster than I thought. Let me go back and discuss each of these bills so that you can see how they fit together as a group. The first bill, 652 which is the original bill, was to create a facility master plan for the YRTCs at Kearney and Geneva and to fund it. And the funding mechanism would be a two-cent increase in the cigarette tax. The current facilities at Kearney and Geneva are overcrowded. They have limitations. They have not had updates in many, many, many years. I've looked at reports from years gone by. The same recommendations come up. It is at a point where we cannot ignore the condition of these facilities, the needs of the facilities any longer. I will just give you one example that I think paints a picture of one of the big concerns that we, as a task force, saw. At the Geneva facility, there is a building that was built in 1926 that has had no substantial improvements. It's a wooden building, pipes are showing, it's a three-story building. It has girls who are double-bunked on occasion, just may be single-bunked in each of the rooms. There are bars on the outside of the room of each window, and each girl is bolt-locked into her room at night. They do constant training in fire and emergency situations because the way this facility operates is that the staff person has to unlock one room on each floor in case of a fire, and the girls are to unlock each other. This a situation