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that shouldn't exist for youth in our state. Most designs of facilities for juveniles would have an automatic release in case of an emergency. They also would have sight ability for a staff member to see them. One staff member wouldn't be able...be expected to go to all three floors to do a release on this particular case. This is a facility that we shouldn't even be using. What we need is a new facility that meets current design standards. Also at Geneva, we have a very, very small facility for medical needs. Those several senators toured the facility. It wasn't even possible to get but a few people in the room, and it's very cramped quarters. Visitation is very difficult because there isn't space available for the youth and their families when they have a visit to get together or have any privacy when they do get together to talk even quietly, under observation of staff members. At Kearney, when we visited Kearney, and I have pictures for you that will be circulating, of what these facilities do look like. We had youth in a wide open room with just less than a foot between each bed in our view, if you want to look at the picture. Very, very crowded situation. The locker rooms were transformed into staff rooms and training rooms. There...it's a facility that's...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...bursting at the seams. If we had the use of the secure facility, which is what it was intended with the 1993 legislation, which we know about 10 percent of the youth with Office of Juvenile Services need secure detention...if we had access to that facility, that would remove a number of youth from Kearney and possibly Geneva, and we would have the ability to relieve some of the pressure on that facility. It also is a facility not set up necessarily. It is not a secure facility. A lot of people think it is. Its staff is there but it does not have a perimeter that's locked. Some of the buildings are locked, but it is not what we call a secure facility. And we have youth that would qualify for that. We also need to address the long-standing problem of the counties, particularly Douglas and Lancaster County, that because of concerns with overcrowding in the system and placement, that they have had to absorb those costs through property taxes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time. Okay. Now we are going to move to the