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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and punish you...did you say time?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes, Senator, I did.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I was one of those individuals who did take a tour of the Geneva YRTC earlier this year, and I was appalled, first of all, at the conditions that are out there, and I am appalled also at what the state of Nebraska has done in the past few years here. We, of course, approved a 70 million dollar correctional facility in Senator Byrd's District, excuse me, Senator Vrtiska's District, down there to build an adult correction facility. And yet in that period of time, we've spent zero dollars addressing the youthful offenders, the YRTCs. We have...we haven't spent any dollars on the YRTCs in the last 15 years. And to go into a building out there that was built in I think 1918, a wood structure, brick veneer, that all wood floors, and to realize that they lock those youthful offenders, those girls in there at night, and if a fire would ever occur, how anybody could ever get down that hall, unlock all those doors, release those people, it is concerning to me, very concerning. Also in this facility, there are exposed water and gas piping overhead. Realizing that 35 percent of those girls are in there...that are in there have at one time in their life attempted suicide, we've just got a...we've got a disaster just awaiting for the date to happen and that concerns me. And then what really concerns me is the fact that these are youthful offenders, and what are we doing to address that situation? We put them out there, first of all, they used to be there from five to eight, nine months at a time for rehabilitation. Now we run that revolving door in about three to four months. I have great admiration for the directors of both Kearney and Geneva and what they're doing with what they have, but there just isn't time. And then also realizing that our adult population, the adult crimes are actually going down; youthful crimes are going up, increasing dramatically, and also become more vicious in those crimes. We must do a better job, and why we must do a better job is, if we don't, in another seven, eight years we're going to spend