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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that deal with Kearney and Geneva and not making the county responsible for these placements, and use this bill to authorize the construction of a new facility?

SENATOR JENSEN: If we can do that with the time constraints that we have, I certainly wouldn't be opposed to that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We might be able to come up with something then but I wouldn't try to do it on the floor right this minute, but before this bill is through, that's what I would like to see. And if we don't do something like that, I'm going to oppose the approach that's being taken right now as being ineffective and a waste of money. Thank you, Senator Schmitt.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My time to Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Tyson, and I'm going to ask Senator...I was tempted to use a different designation, Senator Tyson, I mean Senator Thompson, a question or two.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Thompson, when I was having that little dialogue with Senator Jensen, you had indicated that the bill, as it exists now, could be utilized for the purpose of constructing a new facility. Would you elaborate on that a bit?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes, LB 652 provides for a facility master plan. It is not renovation specific. It is new facilities. I agree 100 percent with Senator Jensen and with you that we do not...some of these facilities at Kearney and Geneva are beyond, in my view, renovation. We need new facilities that are designed with...according to current standards. The kids who are there have lots of special needs. We need to be able to have the ability to see better; current construction is not linear like these two facilities. In fact, I'm going to pass out a couple of pictures of the housing units now that I was saving for LB 652. But the facility master plan and the 2 cent