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that both departments will be meeting with the Governor to discuss this proposal. It does solve the problem. It doesn't give the oversight to the Department of Corrections but it does give it, the Department of Health and Human Services, a way to contract with Corrections to place kids at this facility. This will relieve pressure on Kearney, particularly the kids that need secure confinement. I have stories of kids who are actually there now that at one point I plan to read into the record just to show you how difficult some of the situations are. They are very sad stories but they also demonstrate that Kearney and Geneva are not facilities designed to take kids who've committed this level of crime and are the slight of...risk for flight. It has to do with community safety as well as providing services and treatment to those youth. So the...what I'm going to ask you to do is strip from the bill the portion that did transfer the facility back from the juvenile justice...to the juvenile justice system as it was originally designed. It was taken out on a floor amendment a couple of years ago and transferred to Corrections for adult youth. This will provide a compromise where both the kids in the prison, adult prison system who have been convicted as adults, will continue to have the use of a facility which was in this bill, but also provide that on faith, and if this doesn't come together, I will be back and I know Senator Pedersen, I don't know if I can speak for him, but my guess is he will be too, this is his bill that we need because we so desperately need this kind of a facility in the system. So because we believe that the administration is going to be able to work out something on this for the juvenile justice system, I do offer this amendment in the spirit of compromise. We've spent years knowing that this is a problem. I'm hoping this time we'll be able to solve the problem. I offer my full support and energy to both departments and to the Governor in any way that I can help, and I hope that we'll be able to solve the problem in this fashion which is probably the best we can come up with at this point in time. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I agree with Senator Thompson. I believe that there is a...something that can be done here to take care of the