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SENATOR THOMPSON: There are three issues. The one on the amendment that's currently been substituted is the...the system needs upgrades at Kearney and Geneva, but that is a staff-secure facility. We need secure confinement, locked facilities with perimeter, perimeters that are secure. This amendment, the original bill that was proposed by Senator Pedersen said we need to take back the secure youth confinement facility that just was built and opened in Omaha last year to the juvenile system because we need that a lot worse. We've spent, as you know, \$73 million on new construction for the adult system. The juvenile system has never had that level of attention and our support for this, my support for Senator Pedersen's bill, was we can't afford to build a new facility for the juveniles unless we, as a Legislature, decide to put a significant amount of money in that. And so the choice with the amendment, part of the amendment that was Senator Pedersen's bill, was to say let the adult system use some other part of its system for the youth that are convicted as adults but let...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...us have this system back to be able to serve youth who need secure confinement. In the compromise here, it appears the administration is ready to move forward through federal funding, expand some beds at that facility that could be used by the juvenile system. So that takes care of some of the secure confinement needs.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay.

SENATOR THOMPSON: And so I'm willing to pull that part out of this bill on faith that that's going to happen.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Then we move to the other issues of staff secure, which are...the only facilities we have currently are Kearney and Geneva and that the state operates. Most of the placements of the Office of Juvenile Services are not in those two facilities. They're in private contracted placements around the state.