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then still leave the McCook Work Camp on the books. In the legislation, it was accelerated, so this is, basically, putting it back in time. It's still there. It still has a date in the original legislation. It still can go forward. It's just that the YRTC's at Kearney and Geneva and their improvement will take...take precedence. What we need at Kearney and Geneva, and this would go to the department to develop the stages for putting this together and so forth, but we need to replace the facility you have been hearing so much about today, the Dunbar facility, with the 25-bed housing unit at Geneva. We need a multipurpose building for improved visitation, medical facilities, 8 beds for intake and 8 beds for specialized situations there, and that estimate is about \$4.2 million. At Kearney, we need to bring that facility up to design standards. Currently, it's a linear facility. Most of the housing units are linear. Many...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...of them are dormitory and those costs would have to be also worked out and estimated by the department. The current estimate for that plus some training and program facilities would be around \$7 million. I'd just like to read from your report in the remaining time I have that you all received so this isn't a new issue: Immediate and significant attention needs to be given to the physical plant infrastructure of both facilities. It appears to the task force that the state has not provided sufficient support to adequately maintain the buildings on the campuses and has been slow to respond for requests for needed improvements as the population of both facilities has significantly increased over the past decade. Apart from needed improvements, it should be noted that construction of many of the buildings on the campuses predate the development of contemporary design standards for juvenile correctional facilities.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Crosby, on the bracket motion to LB 880.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Obviously, I'm against the bracket motion. Whether we like budgets or not, we need one. But before I canon...I go on to