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youth for a year or more and work to address the many issues that are confronting them and our society as we deal with them. I asked the department for a description of youth that would be served by this facility, and they're called Level 5 offenders. And I'll read to you what their situations are. It says Level 5 offenders are those who have been adjudicated delinquent for committing offenses which are considered high severity, or very high severity. With a few exceptions, these offenses would be considered felonies if committed by adults. Generally speaking, they are offenses against persons or drug offenses involving the manufacture and delivery of controlled substances. The only high severity property offenses involve either a theft of more than \$1,500 or the forgery of governmental or corporate securities. And I'll just skip to...through part of this. Typically, Level 5 offenders can be described as relatively young at the time of their first arrest, with prior petitions filed for theft, burglary and robbery, having a strongly delinquent peer group, frequently or habitually truant, and having serious substance abuse problems. These are youth that need a specialized facility. These are youth that don't belong at primarily Kearney. And by building this facility we can add to the array of options for judges within our juvenile justice system, we can relieve the pressure on Kearney and let it get back to serving the type of youth it was designed for, and to be more specific to those kids who need a shorter stay and a "nonsecure" setting. I've handed out a blue sheet that kind of summarizes all that I've talked to you about here. It's anticipated, although it could be larger, that at least this amount of money would be enough to build within 3 years a facility for at least 60 chronic, serious offenders, or offenders that are at risk for flight. It's a step, unfortunately, that we need to take in the juvenile justice system. These are the most serious, chronic offenders that we have, that we don't have an adequate place to put them currently, and we aren't able to be very effective without a setting where they can have a length of time that can help them change their behaviors, help them be ready to go back to society and not reoffend. So I appreciate Senator Wehrbein letting me bring this before you today, and look forward to discussion on it. And I hope that you will support this bill. Again, as you did the other day, you're going to have a couple of choices here. My proposal is to raise the cigarette tax 3 cents over