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with them to make sure they don't end up in an adult system, and it needs to be run by the Office of Juvenile Services. The original plan, with the reform of the juvenile justice system in 1993, was to provide this level of secure confinement for juveniles, and it didn't happen. We still have a need for Level 5 offenders. And I have a list here of their crimes. It's very lengthy, and so I don't want to go into it on your time. The...clearly the department would have to develop a plan, they would have to...I wrote in metropolitan area Omaha, so it could encompass more than what I consider Douglas County, to give more options to the department. I did that as a...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...compromise, rather than leave it wide open, because that was the discussion on the floor that day, and I felt that that would bring more support to the facility. It does.. there are some properties that are owned by the state, that the state can look at, which would cut the costs. But, as you said, we do not have...we do not have anything other than the concept at this point. It's the same point as in 1993, when we passed the original reform that created the Office of Juvenile Services that outlined that there would be a secure confinement facility; leaves it up to the department and the executive branch to execute that. And by next...by...as time goes forward, clearly, we can ask for that reporting and have that information. That may not be tight enough in your view, but that's the way I would see it. This is the Legislature saying, yes, let's go back to the original plan in '93.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time. Thank you, Senator. Senator Landis, your time is next.

SENATOR LANDIS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I have a tremendous amount of sympathy for Senator Thompson and I'm going to vote for her amendment. On the question of cancer research, I've got a lot of sympathy there. I'd just like to offer the possibility to all of you, LB 505 is bracketed until May 12th. If you have the desire to expand the cigarette tax, I'm fully available to offer you opportunity to do that. It has to be, however, at a legitimate amount of money that would affect consumption. However, if you want to come by and tell me