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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator...Madam President, members of the Legislature, I guess I'm just interested in more information. I feel kind of a gap and at loose ends as to the...as to the justification, I...and I'm sure it's simply needing to learn more about the need for this and I regret that perhaps we didn't spend more time with it in the Appropriations Committee. I didn't identify it as a...as a critical need that was pressing in the eyes of many members of the Legislature. But, Senator Thompson, I'm interested, for example, in what the operating costs are on something like this, and Senator Thompson was indicating that the operating costs might be between...would be between two and three million dollars annually, and the construction cost, of course, is up around twelve million altogether, ten of which I understand would be...would be our General Funds or our cigarette tax money. And we're dealing with, apparently, about 60...60 kids and if, you know, I get to thinking of how much expenditure that is per kid and what the best way to spend that money might be and just taking 60 kids and dividing that into a \$3 million annual expense, you could hire a lot of people to be...to be almost guardian angels for every waking moment these children have. So it almost seems to me, and I'm getting to the point with some of these kids, who take so much expense, maybe it's better just having somebody with them their entire waking hours as opposed to building these big facilities and hiring staff to man the facilities 24 hours a day. I...you know, there...there's got to be a cheaper way of handling this. I guess I'm venting frustration to a certain degree as I see these enormous costs associated with very small segments of our population. And maybe I'm just to the point where Senator Thompson and others may have been earlier who know...who know more about it, but I feel a very great need to know the justification for spending this much money on that few...for those few kids. And I guess I don't even know enough about it, though, at this particular point in time to know what is happening to these kids currently, and maybe I should just ask Senator Thompson to explain that. That would be a good starting point for me, knowing where these kids...you have a list of their offenses and what they've done, and where are they being held now and at what expense. And the other question I