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irresponsible to fight a tax increase at this time. If we were in some sort of emergency or, again, I'm not going to be one of those folks who say I'll never vote for a tax increase. There may very well be appropriate times, but now is not the time to raise taxes and that's why I filed the amendment. It wasn't even drafted before today. I thought Senator Thompson's funding actually was satisfied when we turned around the Brown amendment from the 9 million reduction to make it a 5 million surplus. I thought that was done. But Senator Thompson wanted more, and it's a good worthy project. The only thing I was trying to do is say, Senator Thompson, please, I would rather not raise taxes and let's put an amendment to do that. If this project can survive and find its place in the budget, so be it. If it can't, it can't. But my intent of this amendment is not trying to be irresponsible, Senator Wickersham, but simply saying I don't think we ought to raise taxes at this point in time. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'll waive. Senator Thompson, if she would like...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Thompson. Senator Thompson, did you wish some time? Senator Beutler is yielding to you.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you very much. I think I need to back up a little bit. In 1993, this body created the Office of Juvenile Services. It was after a lengthy study, which we all don't like to hear about, and commissions that we are reluctant to put together, but that Legislature in that period of time put together a group that spent a couple of years on reform of the juvenile justice system, and here's what they passed in 1993 that became law in 1994: Plan for the construction of a secure confinement facility to serve juvenile offenders identified as a need of secure confinement in the city of the metropolitan class. A secure confinement facility shall mean a physically secure, coeducational facility designed to provide secure confinement, education and treatment for serious and chronic juvenile offenders who have been committed to, and this is the important part, the Office of Juvenile Services or the Department of Correctional Services for secure care. The need