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it. The gym could be used at different hours when the other prisoners are not there and you do not have to mix them in the hallway. We have 12 units in the Douglas County Youth Center and never do we have 2 units in the hallway at the same time. By scheduling a little time if we want...if Corrections wants to and if we need to, minor...do what we call micromanaging with the legislation, we can separate the 18-year-olds.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: And I would separate the 18-year-olds and I want them separated, and they could have private cells. There's 64 cells in that unit. If you have to go around the hallway and take another quarter of a cell or a half a unit from another unit, you can and still keep them separately. If we need classrooms, we can build classrooms, prison-built classrooms out at NSP by the Cornhusker State Industries and put them out in that yard where they would have classrooms for treatment programs, and I promote treatment programs. If we don't do it right now, we will pay for it later, and that's what we're doing with the new prison in Tecumseh. As we grow and build more, instead of using the money for programs, we'll have no money left for programs.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: This would take very little money. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Since we'll be adjourning at 11:00 today, I think it's probably best just to use the time to help educate you about all the aspects of this bill and then, if it might work with what Senator Brashear wants to do, tomorrow divide the question and...so we won't get to a vote. But I do think we need to spend some time talking about the needs of the juvenile system and this particular time slot I'd like to talk about the pink sheet. Now, you may have noticed by this point in time that I...I used to teach, so, you know, I have...and my mother was a kindergarten teacher, so we...we've got to have color, and I think it helps. Well, all right, this is hot pink. Or red?