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very expensive construction to be used as merely a housing unit. It was built for treatment.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: There are pods, day rooms, the staff is collocated, the counseling staff, the treatment staff. The way the facility is configured is built for those people to be together. It is designed as a treatment facility. If we're not taking it to its highest and best use, we are wasting a resource. This needs to be a treatment facility for our youth in both systems. Now we can build two separate facilities and accomplish that, but that's going to take \$19 million and several years to accomplish. The needs have been there. The 1994 Legislature knew the need was there. We need to, this year, seriously consider this option. Then that facility has...is a mirror facility. It has the capacity to double the housing, needs to double the gym size, but the rest of the things that are there, the kitchens, the laundry...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, there are several components to Senator Thompson's amendment. To use the term "component" again, there are several components that I'm looking at in terms of where children are placed. On the red sheet, which Senator Thompson described as a hot pink sheet, they talk about a level five security placement; and since there is no appropriate placement for such children currently, if I understand that correctly, they're being placed at Kearney. Is that right, Senator Thompson? You can...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Thompson, will you...

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...will you yield?

SENATOR THOMPSON: For...they're placed at Kearney, but some counties have made direct placements, which is the other half, and so they may be in other facilities in other states.