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yesterday. What you have being passed out to you again today is a blue sheet, which is a synopsis of the amendment. On your agenda for the day, on the buff part, it refers to this bill as a Juvenile Facility Master Plan and a two-cent increase in cigarette tax. That will no longer be part of the bill once the amendment is adopted. This is the Juvenile Facility Master Plan. We did that with another amendment to the mainline budget bill last year. The Juvenile Facility Master Plan has been completed so there is no need for that portion of LB 652, and some of the improvements have already been placed into this year's budget, and there's another bill to address the implementation of that plan. So the second half of LB 652, which is the money for the improvements, is no longer part of this discussion. So the bill, when it was advanced from committee with committee amendments, was the bill last year, LB 652, which you don't need to consider anymore because that is moving along on other tracks. It also had three other bills amended into it, which were the committee amendments which Senator Brashear, when he presented yesterday, was kind enough to work with me on this amendment. We voted down those committee amendments, so now we're down to two negotiated pieces of this bill. The first one was dealing with two bills last year that were introduced on behalf of the counties to deal with issues of out-of-home placements. The second half is a bill originally introduced by Senator Dwite Pedersen, which would transfer the facility in Omaha that's currently for juveniles convicted as adults back to the juvenile system for use by both the juvenile system and youth convicted as adults in the adult system. So the amendment we're discussing at this point in time is, as described on the blue sheet, it's AM652 (sic--AM2267). It has two components, but they go hand in hand. We need to do both of them and I hope you'll support this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: For discussion on the Thompson amendment, Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the amendment. I think that it's real important that we do transfer the facility back to juvenile justice, the Office of Juvenile Services. One of the problems that the counties are having is trying to fund Juvenile Court, and that is really the state of Nebraska's