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there and I just was concerned that we move forward with the housing because we recognized how desperate that need was. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Jensen, on the Thompson amendment.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. Senator Thompson, would you reply just to a couple questions?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR JENSEN: And, first of all, I want to commend you on your effort continually to work in this area. It's a very important area for our society today. The female population is an increasing, percentagewise, of...of just the overall correctional facilities in youth treatment. Is that correct?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR JENSEN: And could you give me a percentage as to how that has grown in the last few years, by chance? Do you have those figures?

SENATOR THOMPSON: If I have a minute, in the...I don't know if I can give you, like, a ten-year comparison. I can say with certainty that this is an overcrowded facility and I would also say that the plan points out an area of concern that I have about the "overinstitutionalization" of girls within the system. Regardless of whether we can cut those numbers, we need this facility for the management at Geneva for the girls who would still be there, but I see it as a serious problem. I've asked a couple of organizations in the state if they would be willing to look at that issue and I will be introducing it as an interim study, if that's the point you're getting to.

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, that also and just the fact that at one time it used to be, it seemed like, the boys was the major portion of our area, particularly of teenagers, and it still is. But we're seeing a growing percentage of girls who are in trouble. Certainly the number of girls out at Geneva that have