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Plankinton Report, Governor's Speech Set For Tuesday January 13, 2000

(Pierre) – Gov. Bill Janklow has asked the South Dakota Legislature for the opportunity to deliver a speech and answer lawmakers' questions on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 18, regarding juvenile corrections and the unrelated issue of South Dakota's uses for tobacco settlement funds.

Current plans call for the governor's speech to start at approximately 3 p.m. CT on Tuesday in the House of Representatives chamber. He has asked legislators for permission to address them in a **joint session of the House and Senate members**. Legislators will be able to ask questions of the governor, rather than him only delivering a speech.

Janklow also plans on Tuesday morning to release the U.S. Justice Department report on the juvenile programs at Plankinton. The report will include the governor's and the state Department of Corrections detailed responses to the points raised in the report. The state's responses include the actions taken to address problems at Plankinton as well as planned actions that require increased funding and need approval from the Legislature.

"I asked the Justice Department to review Plankinton. I want the public to be able to see the report in its entirety as well as our responses in their entirety," Janklow said. "I also asked physiology experts from South Dakota State University to review the physical training aspects of the programs at both Plankinton and Custer. The SDSU report will be made available to the public at the same time."

Copies of the Justice Department report, the state's responses and the SDSU report will be given to all legislators Tuesday.

The governor's remarks on the tobacco settlement funds are expected to focus on the status of the settlement, the amounts received by South Dakota so far and the schedule for future payments, and his recommendations for using the money.

"We're getting this money on a one-time basis and we should spend it on one-time needs. It would be irresponsible to build one-time money into the state budget to fund ongoing programs," Janklow said.

South Dakota Public Broadcasting plans to cover the speech live.

