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where it required that six cottage units for 96 people be built. However, a shadow is cast by inflation that they will be able at this time to build a full six cottage units under the previous plans of the Department of Institutions. Those plans to keep what was actually committed and keep current with inflation would require an additional \$225,000. So I am grateful in part we have reduction of the restrictive language which required six, 496 which rather tightened the strings too much. Now there would be probably a couple ways to go. Building possibly five units or reducing and remodeling the construction plans. I would very much appreciate for these very handicapped residents proceeding with this so that we can assure that we will get the full 96 additional beds as was projected previously by the Legislature. The \$225,000 is to catch the inflation factors that have come forward on the Beatrice Home. If there are questions, I would certainly try to answer these. The handout portions that are applicable really refer to what we are proceeding with. We're going to have to keep moving on remodeling or the new units. I think it has been accepted by the Committee to go with the units. The question left is whether to go with what we originally committed in building or what we can get with what was originally appropriated. I would respectfully ask this body to add this additional \$225,000 for construction of these units. Thank you.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of this Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Burrows this question. I have no quarrel with your figures. I assume they are correct but are you going to support all of us later in additions to the appropriation bills when they come up because of the inflation factor. Now I am not putting...yes, I am putting you on the spot and I think each of us should ask ourselves, are we going to approve the appropriation increases because of inflation as they come along in the next few days. Do you support this concept if we support this one?

SENATOR SAVAGE: Will you respond, Senator Burrows?

SENATOR BURROWS: Yes, I will respond. I can't give a yes or no as a blanket because I will deal with each one individually, and if I think it is justified in that area and I am convinced of this, I will support it. If I think it is not justified, I will take them one at a time and I will have no blanket policy.

SENATOR NICHOL: Thank you. Now the other question from Senator Marvel, what do you think of starting this type of situation?

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Marvel, will you respond?

SENATOR MARVEL: You mean inflationary increases on each project?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes.