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Plattsmouth. Their instructor is Mary McKelvey. That is Senator Carstens district and we had 19 3rd grad students, and 4 adults from Elliot School, here in Lincoln. Senator Luedtke's district. Their instructor was Linda Henney, and we also had 6, eighth grade students from Oakland-Craig School, Senator Richendifers district. Herb Klemme, Superintendent of Schools, is with them, we had 18 eighth grade students from Hastings Junior High, at Hastings Nebraska. I think they are still up there in the north balcony and their instructors are Mr. Augustin and Mr. Rusk and they are from Senator Marvel's district. We're delighted to have all of you here today as observers of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature and we hope you enjoy your visit to Nebraska's capitol city. Now, next to speak was Senator Fred Carstens, then Senator Kennedy, then back to Senator Richendifer. Senator Fred Carstens.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I'm going to be very brief. I hadn't intended to speak at all, but there have been so many nice things said about Senator Marvel, I want to join in too, and make it known that in, because I do not, I'm not going to vote to over ride the Governor. I don't want him to feel that this is a slap at him. As a matter of fact, if he were to run for Governor, and were elected Governor, I wouldn't want him to be saddled with 452, and so I want to take my little chance and spare him the agony at some future date. I in fact, I encouraged Senator Marvel, very strongly during the last, preceding the last Gubernatorial election, to run for Governor and that is how highly I thought of him. As a matter of fact, I think he is a credit to his race and so I want it known that this has nothing to do with his personal desires, but I had an experience and have had a number of experiences in this life. I got to thinking in the last few days, in fact I just wrote Tom Dole a letter. I remember how we were snowed, during another administration and to having a bond issue for, floated or authorized by Constitutional amendment to provide as we so happily called it a loan, to the bill of public roads. To help construct an Interstate Highway. We've never seen this loan come back again. We need the money badly. This is, these are the things that go on all the time. Now early in the year, early, most of you know that I had a long and continuing interest in the problem of mental retardation and with it the improvement of conditions and situations at the Beatrice State Home. Now what has that got to do with this bill? It has alot to do with it. In early in the year, a gentlemen by the name of Eldin Ehrlich who is the Chief Fiscal Analyst Advisor of the Fiscal Analysts staff to the appropriation committee, issued a rather strong pressure leaf, in which he proclaimed and declaimed that the Beatrice State Home had no mission. They couldn't ascertain any mission. Now it so happens that we have been trying to improve the mentions and the missions of the purposes of the Beatrice State Home and among these was a program requested by the Governor for cottages. The construction of cottages. I think his recommendations were \$1,777,000 for construction of cottages to eliminate some of the criticism that consequently exists in connection with the operation of the State Home such as inadequate housing facilities, lack of air-conditioning and so on. Then, I notice the appropriations committee, cut this down to \$777,000 or some such matter. Cut approximately 1 million dollars off of there. Now this is exactly what I expected because this is what Ehrlich was already hinting at back in January. So I began to think, now we're trying to improve the condition with Lieske, but we're undoing this by getting ourselves tangled with maybe with Ehrlich. Or a substitute whoever he might be. So I asked him the other