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PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I would like to go over the General..I would like to refer first of all to Section 2, Page 1 of the amendments. You have to consider the amendments to the bill rather than the Committee bill itself. Now what we are trying to do is spelled out in Section 2 of the bill and Mr. Clerk, I would like to have you read Section 2, please, which will set the stage for discussion of the balance.

CLERK: Section 2 reads: Read. That is all of Section 2.

SENATOR MARVEL: What we are really trying to do here is to set up the building of buildings and I would suggest two different ways. The first you can see that and this is spelled out on Pages 1 and 2 of the amendments to the bill. We think that first of all before anybody builds any buildings, they ought to have a program statement, before they get into either plans or get in to the actual making up of blueprints. In the past, often, we simply appropriated several hundred thousand dollars and let the departments proceed without really justifying their requests. The second thing we are doing is the fact that in the 73-74 appropriations, which is the first one here, for this next year, we are using 7.5 million from the Nebraska capital construction fund, about 6.8 million from the Revenue Sharing funds, 720,000 from cash and 2.5 million from Federal funds for a total, basically, of 17.6 million dollars for the first year and then we only appropriate that money, recommend appropriation of that money, that is going to be spent for this next year. Then we proceed to tie in the appropriations for 74-75 subject to the approval of the Legislature, at that time, about 8.2 million and then in 75-76 an appropriation of 3.6 million for a grand total of 29.5 million dollars. Now I would like to discuss briefly the projects and I will try to follow the bill, if you would like to follow it and I will skip over the major items and then if you have any questions, we will try to answer them specifically. First area of the bill has to do with the completion of the Nebraska School for the Deaf. Those of you who are interested in this, you might check Page 2 of the bill.. of the amendments. We are talking strictly the amendments now, which completes the renovation of the boys dorm and an addition to the boys dorm and a reappropriation for construction of the new addition. In the Department of Education, we are talking about a vocational training facility. In the Department of Public Institutions, we are talking, basically, about the construction of six cottages at the Beatrice State Home with 96 beds.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, do you want to ask a question here?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Is that all right with you?

SENATOR MARVEL: That's fine. If I don't have the answer, I'll try to get it for you.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Senator Carstens, the other day was concerned about his appropriation being reduced in Beatrice. Has that happened or is he getting his original amount or has it been cut out or..

SENATOR MARVEL: No sir. It's been cut down. I'll get you the information in just a moment. The Governor's recommendation was for 12 cottages. This recommendation is, first of all, for 6 cottages with the understanding we are talking about an appropriation for three years, not just one. The Governor's recommendation was for 12 cottages. We are recommending construction, first of all, for 6 cottages for a couple of reasons and the Legislature may not be in agreement here. First of all, the recommenda-