

tion on cottages as some other approach to new housing is in the initial experimental stage. Secondly, there is still a question as to what the total capacity needs at Beatrice are going to be over the years. Therefore, the Committee felt that we ought to proceed with the construction of six cottages first. See how this works and then if the enrollment...well, if the need at Beatrice are still the same today as they have been, then there is nothing to prevent the Legislature either next year or the following year appropriating additional money.

SENATOR CARPENTER: One of the reasons I brought it up, there is two reasons. First I hope that Senator Carstens will..to be dissatisfied will take whatever attitude he wants, but the thing I want to bring up is I think the fiscal analysts never in my judgment has ever done anything which was not acceptable. Now I want to ask, Senator Marvel, did the Committee make up its own mind what they want to do in this area after being subjected to the recommendations of the staff or were you required to do this by the fiscal analyst.

SENATOR MARVEL: No sir. I think that I will give you my interpretation of the way the staff operates despite publicity to the contrary and that is that we hire a staff to go out and gather as much information as possible. This they did. They came back with their independent recommendations only and I would expect a staff as with the kind of background our staff has and will have to come in with their suggestions, but, also, I expect that the members of the Legislative body and the members of any Committee have enough backbone to take whatever..I am sorry I can't talk louder but for some reason or other my voice is not as good today as it has been. Maybe, it had to do with this morning, I am not sure. But anyway, Terry, I think what we do is take..I try to extract from the staff every ounce of information that they have and then make up my own mind. Now, so I think the Committee did it in this case but I would like to make one other statement, and this is not, Senator Carstens, derogatory on Beatrice at all because I think you will agree that we have supported your institution in the last few years to the utmost. This Legislature and the people of this state are subjected to two different approaches to the care of the mentally retarded and this is involved, Senator Carpenter, in this whole controversy. Those who

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