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Institutions in this area includes remodeling the one building at Beatrice and demolition of the Food Service facilities. The other Department of Public Institutions' items are small and unless there's specific questions. Does anybody have any questions on the Department of Public Institutions before we go to--let's see, as far as, well, I'd like to make only one point on Norfolk because some of you have asked some questions in this area. Page 6 of the bill, Section 16, the original recommendation at Norfolk was that we demolish one, two, three, four, five, six, seven buildings. The committee recommendation, based upon checking not only with the Department but also checking on site and checking with the people in the Norfolk area and as you well know, there was quite a hullabaloo about this. Recommendation is that none of the buildings be demolished. Those that are not to be used be padlocked and \$8,000 be provided to allow those involved in Norfolk to proceed to come up with a program statement as to how every structure on the Norfolk campus should be utilized in the future. I think if there are no other questions, I'd like to go to page 9. On page 9 we talk about the appropriation of \$148,000 to the Department of Public Welfare to be used for the Nebraska Center for Children and Youth Group Treatment Homes. This is an attempt to allow this agency to purchase homes, to renovate these homes in four different cities that will provide more of a home-like atmosphere than perhaps these young people have been used to. This is an attempt to decentralize this activity. Page 9 also includes \$167,500 to the Military Department which is an annual appropriation to take care of their facilities. Also on page 9, excuse me, do you have a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Mar--Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Senator, in our hearings in the Judiciary Committee, this may not be the right place, I don't know. We had a lot of testimony and a lot of complaint and a lot of concern because nowhere in the State of Nebraska do we have a diagnostic center for juveniles. We do to some extent, improvise for adults. Now anywhere in this budget, is there anything in order to construct such a building, anywhere?

SENATOR MARVEL: Just a second.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson, do you have some input? Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Well, Mr. President, Senator Carpenter, in this bill there is for the renovation of a building at the Lincoln Regional Center which would be used for a juvenile diagnostic center. It is an amendment to this bill.

SENATOR CARPENTER: The committee amendments?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now have you looked--is it, is it sufficient in order to do what we should do in order to bring about the renovation of buildings suitable for, as I understand, three or four hundred young people.

SENATOR SIMPSON: I, I'm satisfied that the total amount of money that is being put into this would be sufficient to take care of the problem.