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SENATOR FELLMAN: Mr. President, I've listened to this debate, and would like to suggest that we move on to the next item. I've participated in the hearings of the Judiciary Committee. My own opinion for whatever it's worth, is Senator Luedtke is about 99% correct. And Senator Stahmer is 100% well meaning. And about 99% inaccurate in what he is talking about. And I don't know that anymore good can be served by discussing this further. This doesn't..this involves programs. I'll abide by what I said. I would like to suggest that we move on to the next subject.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer

SENATOR STAHMER: Well I'll be very brief. Senator Fellman unfortunately among other things is not one of those in attendance that took the trip to Des Moines. Half the Judiciary Committee did not. We see a split vote coming out of the Judiciary Committee asking for building to be built in Omaha. We see the Chairman asking for the building to be built in Lincoln. We call this a master plan. And all I ask in closing is one thing. If I'm wrong, I'm being misled by someone. And I don't think I am. I challenge Senator Luedtke to bring Dee Lofgren before this body and have him tell you that I'm wrong. And if he says I'm wrong, I'll never say another word on corrections.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I'm not sure that I understand the argument. I believe...unless Senator Luedtke, is this correct you do not want another independent study, and you want the former plan adopted, and you are opposing this appropriation. Or what is the situation?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I am not only not opposing it, I am pro... this is the Judiciary Committee proposal in this bill. The programmatic approach is the Judiciary Committee's basic approach. We gave the facts and the figures to the appropriations committee to do this. We urged that it be done. That's what we want done. What Senator Stahmer's confusing the issue by talking about LB1055. There is plenty enough time to get on to that. And as far as I'm concerned the argument about Lincoln and Omaha has nothing to do with the master plan. The master plan calls for a medium minimum type of institution. It doesn't make any difference where it's built. The fact is, it says we should have an institution. I'm willing to let this Legislature make the decision where it is to be built, and that I wouldn't even argue about any further.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well we're not even...we're not even talking about where a medium-minimum institution be built.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Not on this bill, we're not.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, then as I understand it, and all we are talking about here is whether or not we should further develop a state plan. That's all we're talking about?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I believe that we should....That's right.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I believe that we should further develop the state plan. If that all we are talking about. I believe