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PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: I would like to ask a question of Senator Fellman. Senator Fellman, is it true that there is a current plan to build a regional jail in Omaha, and Douglas County.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Well, before the bill that I had this morning was defeated, and they tell me, or got hung up on dead center that could lose a couple of million dollars. I don't...there is a plan, yes.

SENATOR MARSH: Is it also foreseeable that a regional jail of the size planned for Douglas County could function as a reformatory for the Omaha area.

SENATOR FELLMAN: I don't know, and I don't know that anyone else does.

SENATOR MARSH: It's my understanding that our emphasis is to take people out of jail, out of reformatories, out of all penal institutions, where they may safely be released into program planning. I would be in favor of Senator Luedtke's amendment, but not designating now what this planning committee should decide. I thought it was to be a planning committee that would look at all the options which were available, and then on the basis of their findings make the decision. I do not like this Legislature at 3:35 on the end of this Legislative session, saying we now have decided where we will put it, without having all the information. All of us together do not have this information now. Let's move on, so that we can move 1055. Let's get to General File.

PRESIDENT: Senator from Chappell.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, Senator Fellman asked Senator Luedtke a question a few moments ago, and Senator Luedtke did not answer correctly. And I made a statement when I was speaking which was a correct statement, and I want this known that if you turn to page 330, page 330 of this correctional study, that you will discover that the medium minimum facility was supposed to be built in Lincoln first, and the diagnostic evaluation center in Lincoln first. And then, after that two years later, or a year and a half later, then the medium minimum would be started in Omaha, and this is what I said a few moments ago. And this is absolutely correct.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer is now closing. This...he's closing on his amendment to the Luedtke amendment.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well, Members of the body, let me....

PRESIDENT: One, minute Senator Stahmer, Senator Luedtke would like to have the next to last word.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Would he yield to a question before he closes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: I'd be delighted.