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I have to say is second to none that I've ever seen, looks to me like it could take an awful lot longer than conventional construction to build. And the cost would appear at least to be 1½ or 2 times per square foot what convention construction. Can we get a lot more square footage going convention construction for the same amount of money or can we reduce the amount possibly?

SENATOR STAHLER: Well, I certainly think you could get four cottages if not more going to a simpler design.

SENATOR DE CAMP: What is this costing per square foot generally, do you have any idea?

SENATOR STAHLER: Well, we got \$800,000 for four cottages roughly. So it's going costing the...\$200,000 per cottage. \$12,500 per person. Square foot I don't know but yet.. ye Gods, it would be difficult to build these in Omaha. I don't know if you get the workers in Omaha to throw these babies up within a year much less than in Beatrice.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well, without knowing a great deal of information about the background of the problem, I would have to venture the belief that even if a delay were occasioned which I don't know from this point from listening to both Senator Carstens and Senator Stahlmer that it would be better to have that delay than to build what could be a great boondoggle.

PRESIDENT: All right, next to speak, Senator Savage, then Whitney, then Nore.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Mr. President, I'd like to ask our fiscal analyst a question. To the point, how much was the appropriation request.....

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from the Beatrice home. In fact, this was a year ago that this request was made, that we appropriated the money.

PRESIDENT: Senator Savage, could I suggest that you step off the floor and ask your question, then come back and report it to the Body?

SENATOR SAVAGE: Well, maybe Senator Marvel can answer that question.

PRESIDENT: All right, while he's going to do that, let's move on. Senator Nore. Senator Savage, why don't you find out and come back and report? Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and members, I certainly don't like to oppose my good friend, Fred Carstens. But I think if you'll look at these plans, I don't see how you can give good service to children without having probably at least twice as much personnel. In this modern day and age, we try to build these type of facilities where we have a central station sort of on a cross setup. And where we can give better service to people. This thing here is a complete monstrosity in the area of efficiency of operation and giving