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anybody in the state. If they are legitimate and if they are for the benefit of these people who are helpless, who do need this type of protection, then they should be maintained for this institution just as much as for any other institution in the State of Nebraska.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, a question of Senator Bernice Labeledz, please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: I think that you answered some of the questions that I had, Senator Labeledz, in your comments regarding short term care rather than long term care.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Right.

SENATOR STONEY: And these are for convalescing patients, someone that may be recovering from surgery or influenza, something of that type.

SENATOR LABEDZ: That is correct.

SENATOR STONEY: Can you tell me why the change would have to be made to classify this as a nursing home, that those were the only type people that they would have frequented the infirmary?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well I think mainly because the architects that have gone in there to remodel the infirmary according to nursing home regulations have found that it is structurally impossible to do so. As I said before they intend to build a new nursing home and will be classified under a nursing home at that time and, Senator Stoney, I might mention the fact that right now they are operating and are not under the stipulation of four or more persons. The nursing home definition says a building or part thereof used for the lodging, boarding and nursing care on a twenty four hour basis of four or more persons. Well right now there is less than four persons up there so they are not really under the nursing home regulations right now and they have just temporarily classified them as a nonnursing home now but later if there is more than four patients, then they would have to come under the nursing home regulation. This is the reason we are asking for the change.