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SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: And is this drawing interest at the present time, and if it is, where does this interest go? Does that go into the general fund or does that go into the park fund?

SENATOR WARNER: In this case it goes back into the same project. It is not to the general fund. It is held in a separate fund.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: A question of Senator Warner, if he would yield. Senator Warner, in the bill on page 4, Program 989 which deals with Beatrice and the possible development of five cottages. In view of what I read in the paper just yesterday, I believe it was, that the Governor says there shall be no more than 250 inhabitants. Why is it that we even are putting these seed money in to the fact that we want to plan additional cottages?

SENATOR WARNER: Okay, Senator Koch, the reason this bill is drawn as it is, and I alluded to it briefly, at least as I understand it, in order for the state to comply with Title 19 funds which are used primarily for medicaid payments we have got to demonstrate that adequate facilities and programs, but particularly adequate facilities, will be available by January of 1982. In that process the federal requirements by HEW is such that the plan to take care of the number of people who will be in Beatrice must reflect the number that are in there for the current year. What this proposed construction plan will indicate is the ability to house six hundred by the end of next year which is also consistent with what at least I understand is to be the phase down number by that point. What you read in the paper about 250 is that some point in the future, at what point I don't know when that is, I have not read what the Governor has submitted in his revised plan, but generally it is not a magic number that we are talking about but placement of individuals where appropriate care and appropriate facilities and programs are available based on each individual's evaluation. And because as I have indicated the Title 19 requirements are that we must show that there are adequate facilities and programs for the number that will be on board there as of a year from now, and this is all that we show. Now it is also my belief that the improvements that are projected here, even though those numbers would go down substantially, that