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some little pride and I used to not see the definition of a nursing home to a veteran's home. There is so much difference it is pitiful and I stand up here to oppose this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, a few questions of Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely, where did this \$500,000 come from?

SENATOR WESELY: The source of that funding I am not familiar with. I understand that is state money but there will also be federal money spent to... It is 35% state, 65% federal.

SENATOR NICHOL: No, Senator Wesely, this money came from the federal government and who did it go to?

SENATOR WESELY: My figures show that it came from the state.

SENATOR NICHOL: It came through the state from the federal. It is federal money and it went to the Nebraska Veteran's Home. That is who it went to. This was approximately four or five years ago. It is their money. It is not in the general fund of the State of Nebraska. Did you know that?

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, certainly.

SENATOR NICHOL: It is in a separate fund. It is the veteran's money. It isn't State of Nebraska and we have been trying for three or four years to get it out. Now, have you ever visited a veteran's home, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: Not that I am familiar with.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, have you ever visited a retirement home or a nursing care home?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: Now, let me...thank you, Senator Wesely. Now let me tell you the difference. I have seen the difference. I have been in both. So what Senator Fitzgerald said a minute ago is true. There is a great deal of difference. Now why do we have veteran's homes in the State of Nebraska? Why doesn't every other organization have them? I will tell you, Senator Wesely. Several years ago