

minute ago that this was ten acres. I have a certificate here by a licensed surveyor. He should apologize to Philip A. Burke. His license number is 221 in the State of Nebraska and this was made 1/2/80. This gentleman came up here and he is a licensed surveyor in the State of Nebraska and Senator Wesely says there is ten acres there. Here, a document with his signature says there is 16.9 acres in parcel number one. I am amazed that he knows more than this here certified surveyor. Then he comes up here with some points and I would like to take his points apart. The one that really gets me is the project should be reviewed under certificate of need. Certificate of need! If you in your wisdom of your research up there, have you seen the waiting list of the veterans? There is your certificate of need. Now you are bringing in the rest homes. A veterans home is not a rest home. If you would ever take the time and trouble in your many many duties on your different sub-committees that you have self-appointed yourself of, sir, that you could come up here and look these things over, if you will run out to the Grand Island hospital with us and see what the certificate of need is. A Veterans Home is not a nursing home. These people out there, we sat there one whole day and talked to them. They are still fighting World War I and World War II and as long as I can stand up here with a breath in me, we will fight you that these veterans will not go into a nursing home and I will guarantee that. They will stay and be put them in a place where they are supposed to be in a veterans home. We have showed you the certificate of need that we do need a veterans home up in Omaha and this shows the credibility of your research team, just under certificate under surveyor, ten acres up to 16.19. I thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I'm sorry. I wasn't listening too much of what Senator Fitzgerald said because I was busy but I don't want to repeat anything, but Senator Wesely made the statement that it would be cheaper to put the veterans in nursing homes. This is very much in error because as I understand it, Senator Wesely, I don't know the exact percentage but I think that Medicaid is paid by Douglas County, 70%, matching funds is 20%. Right now we have veterans in Omaha in the surrounding area in the eastern part of Nebraska that are in nursing homes where the state and the county government are putting in a certain percentage to pay for his stay at the nursing home. If he goes into the veterans home we are allowed according to the veterans income, determined first by his Social Security,