

Also another thing that we must take in consideration at Hastings is, they also have an alcohol treatment program at the same time and these patients for some unknown reason through the years have been subjected to the detox center before they are admitted to the alcohol treatment program. As this controversy grew they took a month at random and a Dr. Smith and Dr. Lytton, clinical director at the Hastings Regional Center, so he was in on this, arbitrarily pulled one month's records. The month that they decided to use or that they pulled was last November. The results of this, only 15 percent of the individuals admitted to Hastings were actually in need of detoxification services. What's simply been happening is a lot of these patients, even though they have not needed detox, how do I politely say this, inebriated, maybe for three weeks or a month and waiting to get into the treatment program, they are again sent through the detox center. There are medical personnel there that are simply not needed for a detox center and there are many expenses incurred. Okay, of this month that I am speaking to, of the 76 patients admitted in Hastings in November of 1984, 11 were for detox. Ten were inebriated. From this case three Adams County, two Dawson, two Hall, one Cheyenne, one Holt, one Nemaha and one Otoe County. Of the other 65 cases that were run through the Hastings Regional Center they were in there for rehabilitation services, not detox and I guess that I still haven't recovered on my alcohol funding money and I just personally cannot see this additional expense in one center...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: ...when we have centers in Chadron, Nebraska, northern Nebraska, many other areas that need detox centers. I will admit this center will not be ready by the first of July and I think the public institutions has made that very plain. They are willing to work along until a new social detox center is in...ready. I also visited the center here in Hastings or in Lincoln along with Senator Smith and the gentleman that manages this also was out to Hastings. He himself prefers a social type setting and I know that maybe the first year, because of start up costs and change, we may not be talking about \$150 or \$200,000 savings or even \$100,000 the first year, but multiply that times five years or ten years and no way can I justify this amount of dollars for one particular center even though it is in my region. And as far as my...I don't care where it