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study of county jails. No statewide study of regional jails. Take the planning money. Build the building. O.K., Senator Luedtke let's build it, and let's build it in Omaha.

PRESIDENT: Do you object the amendment, Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Do I object to the amendment? I personally object to the amendment.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Carpenter. Do you want the floor?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Nothing to say. I'm in concurrence with the amendment to put in Omaha.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, according to the reports from the consultants. It was recommended that there be a 250 unit building, medium minimum in Lincoln. That there be a 200 bed unit in Omaha. Now this particular amendment says 250 persons, minimum. So that if this is the case, if we are going to follow the recommendations of the consultants who made this study. Then the first unit would be built in Lincoln. And the reasoning that they used, was that we would have first a diagnostic center here, in Lincoln, and that this medium minimum center then should be close to the diagnostic and evaluation center. And the Budget committee has already said, and put money in the kitty for this Diagnostic Evaluation Center to be remodeled and used here in Lincoln, and therefore, it would appear to me that if we want to follow this recommendation of the consultants, that then this first one would have to be built in Lincoln. And the one of this size would have to be built in Lincoln. Now if we want to throw out the window the correctional recommendations, and then we decided here in the Legislature. Then that's a different story. But personally, I'm inclined to follow the recommendations of the consultants who made this study.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fellman.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Mr. President, I would like to start by asking Senator Luedtke a question. Were not the original recommendations of the consultants, Senator, for two of these buildings.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: That is correct.

SENATOR FELLMAN: And wasn't there to be one in Lincoln and one in Omaha?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: That is correct.

SENATOR FELLMAN: And isn't there a fact that the report doesn't specify whether one or the other should be first.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Yes. The report does not say, and the committee's position was that further...the further study which would be implemented by this particular motion, would determine where the first one is to be built. And that's why I said, I really don't... would not want to put into this particular amendment. Where it is. I think the correctional department and the persons making the study as to where it would go, should make that decision by ...