

know if that answer is to what we've deferred or not. There would be...specifically on chemical dependency if my amendment is adopted, or the committee amendment whatever you want to call it, that one unit at each of the two reformatories be authorized or be set aside for chemical dependency.

SENATOR BARNETT: I've got less than a minute. Does anybody on the Appropriations Committee know when any construction is going to start on this project, any construction at all? Senator Warner, Bereuter, Goodrich, somebody. When is anything going to start on the Penitentiary, or the Reformatory, or the Omaha project?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I can tell you. The bids are being negotiated right now on the Lincoln medium-minimum facility. In fact, they're arguing over the bids right now. As soon as they get the bid letting established they can start construction in the next 30 to 60 days on the Lincoln facility.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I just want to add. Senator Barnett, have you picked up your mail since noon? Senator Goodrich indicated that there was some negotiating. I'm not too sure but that there was some conflict. I noticed in my copy, in my letter I picked up at noon, all members of the Appropriations and all members of Judiciary received. It's accurate that the bids were let...opened last Wednesday, is that what you said, Glenn. Apparently there is some conflict here. I have not had a chance to read that yet.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, I have a question of Senator Fowler. Senator Fowler, in your description of what you believe should happen, and what you believe... How do you base your ideas of knowing when this should or shouldn't happen? Is this from information that you build up over the years, or the study from the Appropriations Committee, or is it your own thinking? Is it your individual thought that this should or shouldn't happen? Or is it being planned from the fiscal note of it?

SENATOR FOWLER: I don't understand. Are you saying am I acting out someone else's wishes?

SENATOR MILLS: No, no. I'm saying that you have been describing...that you said "I think we should do this" and "I think we should do that". Is this your own study? I know you've been very active in the criminal reform, and the Penitentiary and the new facilities. You're now suggesting that it not take place exactly as I remember you wanting to do some things a year ago.

SENATOR FOWLER: I guess it was two years ago. Time moves on and buildings don't get built. But two years ago there was a bill, LB 417, to which there was at least some disagreement initially as to whether there should be two reformatories or one. Is that kind of what you're thinking?

SENATOR MILLS: Yes. See where I'm concerned, I keep thinking now that there might be some type of method being used here to thwart what was really done in 417, that is build the two units. Is that happening?