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able to staff that? I don't know. But let's not wait till 2005. We spend money every year. The budget for this was cut this year. Maybe there's a reason for that, I don't know, but...but we need to get...when we look at Norfolk and see what's happened up there, what that facility has done and how well cared for these people are there, do they have problems staffing that? I don't know. Maybe Senator Tyson could answer that for me. That's his district. Maybe Senator Tyson will push on his button and speak about the facility in Norfolk. If that's working there, then let's build a facility in the Omaha area to take care of these people. They're not...it's something that isn't going to grow, let me tell you that. Our veterans, our World War II veterans are leaving us in great numbers. We've got the Korean War veterans, then the Vietnam veterans. They're all getting older. But I think the big push is probably over. There's not quite as many veterans anymore as there was for...with the World War II veteran. But I think it's time we quit...keep...quit giving the lip service we are and get some action. Now, if the administration feels as though we need not recognize these people then it is our position to come in and say, no, we need to do something for these people. I think we've talked about it long enough and next year we had better get our ducks in order and get something done. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, I think we've probably had an adequate discussion of the situation and I want to also thank Senator Schimek for reminding us and keeping us on the front burner, and I hope that this will not be lost between now and next session. I am confident that the reductions that are being...that have been proposed by the Policy Cabinet and the administration are bureaucratic. They're administrative. I feel very confident in the assurances that I've received. Certainly we'll put faith in those reassurances and...but obviously we'll watch those as we go into...into the next year. As we've talked before and as you've seen the amendment that Senator Schimek put forward, this isn't just an issue in veterans' homes. Veterans' homes obviously attract our attention, they're emotional, just as facilities for people with mental illness, people with developmental disabilities, the