

Wehrbein. It won't take me two minutes. I will tell you that I am finally catching on, Dick Peterson. I'm sorry, we've been...when you're bringing things over to me and I've been doing other things at my desk I really was not catching on to the real problem here. I think the problem lies at the Hastings Regional Center with the...whatever they set up as their rules or their regulations for accepting these patients and I'm trying to understand why it is that the rules...that they can set their regulations so stringent that they can't accept patients where other hospitals of like kind can. And I do intend to have a meeting. In fact, we have one set up with Dale Johnson and I am...I will make a commitment to the body that we're going to find out why. We'll get to the bottom of it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. Speaker and members, I would like a little dialogue with Senator Hannibal following up on what Senator Smith said. Three years ago Marge Higgins took the Building and Maintenance Committee on a tour for vacant state buildings and we went through Hastings, Beatrice, Norfolk and so forth and we found this problem that we're talking about today. Hastings had a lot of beds available. We got to Norfolk, before they showed us any vacant building they said, get us some money we need to open another wing. What I am trying to bring out is if this is a problem and we have had it for three years that I know of, and Senator Hannibal says we should not get involved in their operations, my question is, in government who are they responsible to? Don't tell me the taxpayers. Who are they responsible to? To what...to the Governor? To whom do they answer if they don't answer to the Legislature? Because somebody has got to straighten this problem out. We've got a problem here. I don't know how to straighten it out. Don't know what I'm for or against. Okay, so who are they responsible to if we can't get involved?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Well, Senator Korshoj, I also have been on that...not on that tour but I have been in the facilities and I realize that we have vast amounts of space in buildings out at Hastings from our old warehousing days, back in the forties.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Uh-huh.