

continues, they will have 50 or 55 of them this particular year, no place to put them. Now we had a case, specifically, you know, let's take for example, if Norfolk has got 45 of them, how many do you think there are in Omaha or in what we call the Omaha and Dodge and Douglas, Sarpy, that region, in other words? There will be 500 of those cases in a year's time. We don't have a place to put them. The officer comes to the house on a call. Uncle Louie has gone bananas and he is tearing up the place. They come, they restrain Uncle Louie, they get him to the cruiser car, but where are they going to take him? Okay, we start talking right down the line. We will go to the Douglas County Psychiatric Unit. No, we are full. We have got 27 beds but they are full. We will go to the Veterans Hospital. No, we don't have any beds either. Then we start right down the line. Just recently they had a cruiser car out of commission five hours looking for a place to put an old Uncle Louie type. Well, that means a cruiser car out of service for four or five hours looking for a place for this problem, and he is not a mental health expert. There should be a place where these people can be taken. The cruiser car can put them inside there. The mental health experts can take over, and the cruiser car go back to being a police officer. Well, that is the emergency we are trying to fill right now, or satisfy, where we have a place for the cruiser cars to take these people, not only in Norfolk, but also in Douglas and Sarpy, Dodge County, the whole bunch, and the City of Omaha. We have got this problem. We have got it right now where...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR GOODRICH: ..the 34 beds in Norfolk, for example, would do a lot toward easing this pressure but it won't satisfy completely the pressure. It won't satisfy the problem until, say, a year from now when we start developing these halfway houses and the Governor's program can start kicking in. But, in the meantime, Senator Peterson is absolutely right. He needs this money and he needs it now to get this thing started.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Langford, please. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor