

saying that 67 kids did not go up there and enjoy themselves. I would tell anybody I had a good time. The ones that I asked, they said, no, not really. They passed out a lot, they didn't happen and it didn't. Naturally if I could go stay in a Holiday Inn for \$2,000, how many of us got to do that when we were 15, 16 years old? Did we go out in the community and lead programs afterwards? We didn't. There is no follow-up on this whatsoever. If there was, it would be different. Monthly, if they had helped the children to continue to develop and, incidentally \$15,000, Senator Hefner, I admire you for coming in for that figure but you know good and well that isn't going to do a thing as all that's going to do is string the program along and then it's going to be 20,000, 25,000. The taxpayers say, Senators, can't you get your hand...yeah, can't you do anything about cutting the budget and your programs? Jennie reminded me of the conference again for the 500 children. I know, I know it's difficult to say that, but it's time that we senators bit the bullet, cut out the programs that are not necessary that cannot be justified and I cannot justify this program to one of my constituents, not even the two children that did eventually attend and both of their comments was, well, so what? One was a lot of material "thrown" at me that I didn't mean anything and that was probably the book. I hope Timmy give them a good speech. I did see, too, that even the senators were allocated...but there was one kid from Omaha, I do want to admit, Newt Lewton. He was alcohol, drug recovered and he was the one they picked as their leader and to be an example and I think Newt, or Luke I think was his name, did get quite a bit out of it, but I'll tell you the other kid with him, we absolutely dumped \$2,000 down the drain. And so I suppose, you know, just like us, Senator Hefner and I, we may not have the same opinion of each other, but we think pretty highly of each other but I'm sure that this program, we can use better resources of our money and that is the bottom line right now.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, I haven't had the benefit, I understand there was a hearing in the Government Affairs (sic) Committee and some have asked me why we put the money in, at least any money back in as Appropriations Committee and I guess my reply to that is, this is an issue that we...it is in statute and we, I think, were reluctant to tamper with this when it is probably properly a decision of the body and since it did go through a committee hearing, I don't know all