

yellow house across the parking lot from us? How many of you people would like to spend about a quarter of a million dollars repainting that thing? Probably not. But there was an effort to put that on...to put that on the capital construction project, but was taken off because some agency, some department in the state thought, well, good old 309 Committee ought to be able to take care of that. The Task Force is concerned, for example, at...at Kearney, money has been recommended and appropriated for the YRTC Program. You probably know or don't know what that is, but that's a juvenile program out there. What's interesting is though they can't live in the buildings. You've got money for programs but we don't have money to take care of the buildings. Where should that priority be? The project out at Chadron was interesting. A few years ago, of course, that was one of the higher priorities but it never was first. It was, in fact, eighth or ninth and was up to seven, I think, at one time. But the people who can, in fact, recommend how money should be spent simply 2 million more than the 5 million we generally get for 309 and recommended that project be funded. You know, agencies have a habit of moving up on their capital improvement budget requests what they really want to get done and moving down those projects on the 309 list that they will try to live without. Beatrice just happens to be one of those projects. I know some of you aren't listening maybe and that's all right and I don't want a gavel, but for those of you that are and especially Mr. Jensen who asked the question, legitimate concern, all I can tell you is the lists are not that important, as priorities go. If we had, in fact, our options, we would try to get even more money for 309. When I started and we started talking about this, even before the year we were not quite at \$250 million worth of unfunded deferred maintenance. Well, today we're about \$260 million worth of unfunded maintenance and we're going to get higher and higher as long as we spend only \$5 million a year and as long as that continues to happen there will be fun and games, not only by the administration but by agencies as well, about where, in fact, these kinds of programs should fall into line and what should be done. That's why I, personally, don't take seriously the letter that came from the administration saying that this, after all, was a low priority. This is a high priority. All I'm going to tell you is, whether these people that are being served in these programs at Beatrice are disabled or not, they're going to get cold in the wintertime and they're going to get awful hot in the summertime and we probably grow cattle and pigs with better treatment, in some cases, than we would expect to do with these.