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SENATOR GOODRICH: OK. First of all, the voch tech ... the Metro Tech, let's name exactly which one it is, the Metro Tech was not even desirous of being in the building. I think you know that the Governor was the one that insisted that they have access to the building. Now I have three letters in my file here, right on my desk. You're perfectly welcome to review them where they literally say they, number one.... One letter says "we're not interested". The second letter from the Governor back to them saying "but you are interested". Then the third one says "Well, alright, we do want to participate if you insist. We want to participate up to...." Literally what they're saying ... and they have said right out to me that the ... and this is after a discussion with their Board that they want to participate in the recruitment office and the job placement office. That is on a square footage rental basis only.

SENATOR MURPHY: Would you say we do have the possibility of a problem here in that with or without the Governor's consent, approval or urging that if we provide capital facilities for voch tech we are out of step with 344?

SENATOR GOODRICH: No, we're not. I had this in the Attorney General's Office with one of the best Constitutional lawyers in the State of Nebraska right with us, sat between us....

SENATOR MURPHY: Is that a new one he just hired?

SENATOR GOODRICH: What?

SENATOR MURPHY: Is that the new one just out of law school?

SENATOR GOODRICH: No, it's one that's been around here for 20 years. He went right with us when we discussed this with the Attorney General's Office. The Attorney General's Office has gone over this bill twice and there is no Constitutional problem in that nature.

SENATOR MURPHY: Now then one more. Like I say I'm not a resident of Omaha but it occurs to me that Mutual of Omaha, who is going to be one of the big benefactors of this downtown location, has their principle office out somewhere around 36th, 38th....

SENATOR GOODRICH: 36th.

SENATOR MURPHY: And I think they can see the present UNO a lot easier then they'll be able to see this one.

SENATOR GOODRICH: No, actually....

SENATOR MURPHY: I think it's a shorter distance to UNO now then it's going to be to downtown and a lot less traffic.

SENATOR GOODRICH: No, you're wrong for two reasons. Number one that this....

SENATOR MURPHY: I'm wrong. I knew I was going to come out wrong.