

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Higgins, would you please help me to see if my memory is correct. Were we not told at that hearing, by Mr. Neid or Mr. Fougeron that they would get an appraisal of that building and give that information to the committee before this bill was to come on a vote?

SENATOR HIGGINS: I recall them saying they were going to get an appraisal. I don't recall whether they said if they would do it before or not we voted on it. But they did make a long statement about, of course, we will get appraisals, and, of course, we will do this and that. But, to the best of my knowledge, if you are going to sell a building, and that was four months ago, they would have it by now.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I'm going to agree with Senator Higgins because we went through quite a debate in the public hearing on this. We were promised that appraisal would be made by an appraising firm and we would be furnished with this appraisal, which has not been done, to my knowledge. And being a member of the committee, Vice Chairman of the committee, we've received nothing. So I would like to suggest, also, that we do not advance the bill until the state comes in, the Department of Administrative Services, with a bona fide appraisal by an appraisal firm as to just exactly what this building is worth. Thank you...just a minute. Senator Warner.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, would you respond, please?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes. What is the question?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Have you received an appraisal of this building?

SENATOR WARNER: It was my understanding, Senator Haberman, that appraisal was made. I was calling down to see if we can get a copy of it. But the...all the bill does is authorize the facility to be sold for whatever amount. Obviously, if it is going to be sold, it is sold on a bid basis. The state doesn't sell property without that process, that I'm aware of, surplus property.

SENATOR HABERMAN: It says sale or lease, Senator Warner.