

example, my reference to them was to the effect that I had considered that as a anticipated question. However, it was the Suburban Schools surrounding Omaha that wanted this bill. Now, let me add one more thing. For example, if you have a school in a suburban area where the land is undeveloped and that's the only place where they would buy 50 acres of land because you cannot afford to buy 50 acres of land that has been developed already. Now, the object of acquiring a sufficient sized site, for example, if you are going to add athletic facilities to the building...later on to the school. Assume you are going to build the school and you are going to add athletic facilities to it later on, you've got to be able to tie up that land so it doesn't get developed and this is the sole purpose of acquiring...of a person wanting to acquire that much ground or any school district wanting to acquire that much ground for their own protection and a combination of that plus the construction of recreation facilities in conjunction with a governmental subdivision.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then, Senator Goodrich, would you be willing to amend it to say "undeveloped land", "50 acres of undeveloped land".

SENATOR GOODRICH: Well, I.'.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You said that's the only kind of land that would be taken and when a law is being drafted, we cannot leave things to the good intentions of the introducer. We have to consider the bill in terms of those who might attempt to make use of it and right now according to the way the bill is drafted the school could attempt to condemn the land where Woodman Tower is located and take that by eminent domain. We know that there are powerful interest that would prevent that but under the language of this bill there is no standard given as to the type of land which could be taken. So, they could come into the middle of the area where I live even and take 50 acres and condemn it for school purposes. Is that true, according to the language of the bill?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Pardon me, I didn't catch...I was answering another question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I had the floor and I was addressing myself to you. I realize we establish priorities of importance. But now, if I have your attention, I'll rephrase the question.

SENATOR GOODRICH: That's fine. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Goodrich, according to the general language of the bill, I see no standards which determine the type of land which can be condemned for school purposes under this bill so why would you be opposed to including language stating that "undeveloped land" is the kind that could be taken since you say it was offered, the bill, by the Suburban Schools that are around Omaha and not the Omaha schools themselves.

SENATOR GOODRICH: If you would add,"predominately undeveloped". What I am thinking about is if you are going to buy a piece of ground, let's say it is a 50 acre tract and it has a farm house on it. If that farm house setting on it would prohibit you from acquiring that site then I could see where we would have a problem but if we say "predominately" or we, at least, in the amendment achieve that end predominately developed or undeveloped, why fine. I'd have no objection to the amendment, whatsoever.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What I'm going to do is offer...I'm going to test the water. I think bills like this which have to do with the power of eminent domain drafted in language as general as this with the amount of land involved is not conducive to the best interest of the public. So, if you don't