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SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, members of the body, just as a point of information I did some three or four weeks ago visit some Universities in adjacent states, to become more familiar with the operation of higher education and I did discover that in Kansas at the Wichita State University which is their third from the biggest University in that State was just in the process of completing a new Life Science Building which would have additionally facilities for health related services which I think is what Senator Carpenter is talking about in Scotts Bluff, so in Kansas they are besides the medical center they have in Kansas City, they are also building this separate facility in another part of the state to help provide for more of these mental, correction health related technicians and I think there has been some precedent for it in other surrounding states.

SPEAKER: The Chair next recognizes Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Yes, I just have a question of Senator Carpenter, and the question is this, there has been some comment made and I've even asked the question, is this indebting the state honor the constitution?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Indebting the state?

SENATOR SYAS: Indebting the state, yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well I presume let's say at the University of Omaha, would enter into a lease agreement under the provisions of this bill, I presume that the state eventually would have to pay the rent.

SENATOR SYAS: Well I mean can we do that?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Under the constitution?

SENATOR SYAS: Yeah.

SENATOR CARPENTER: It would be my opinion we can, we do it in many other cases.

SENATOR SYAS: Well name me one, I mean really.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well for example, we are doing it now over in Omaha on building a thirty million dollar bank building.

SENATOR SYAS: Well wait that was a - bank building?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yeah.

SENATOR SYAS: That's private. That's a private thing, I'm talking about -

SENATOR CARPENTER: It isn't a private thing it's being built by the city of Omaha, the city council.

SENATOR SYAS: I'm talking about the state, not the subdivision, of the state.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well what's the difference the principle is the same.

SENATOR SYAS: No, it isn't.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What you say is true that if the state does