

CLERK: Read motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the motion. What this really does it directs the Attorney General in the event this project moves forward to protect the public interest to see that it is not tax exempt if that can be done legally. I move for the adoption of the motion.

PRESIDENT: Have you heard the motion? Do you all understand the motion? Senator Stahmer, do you wish to be heard on the motion?

SENATOR STAHMER: I certainly do. I would like to ask Senator Carpenter, I notice in here that it says that the Governor's staff make a study. Why didn't you just ask the Attorney General to give an opinion and if indeed they are doing something that is illegal, we would have that information and could act accordingly. I see nothing in here asking for the Attorney General's opinion, you only ask him to enjoin them in the second sentence without asking his opinion whether it is or is not legal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, do you care to respond?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I think that is no objection at all. I want the Legislature to understand the basic mechanics and knowledge and the...in this involved question. In the meantime I want the Attorney General to represent this body to see that it doesn't happen.

SENATOR STAHMER: Perhaps it shouldn't happen if it isn't legal, obviously it shouldn't happen if it isn't legal. Why don't we just ask the Attorney General for an opinion.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I have seen a lot of things become legal because this body is completely uninterested, and I don't propose to be in that position even though I'm not in Omaha.

SENATOR STAHMER: But you are suggesting in your motion that the Attorney be directed to initiate an action against it without even asking him if the action is illegal.

SENATOR CARPENTER: The motion speaks for itself. If you in Omaha want this robbery to happen, I'm not going to prevent it.

SENATOR STAHMER: I'm not sure whether I do or not....

SENATOR CARPENTER: Then if your not why don't you vote for the motion.

SENATOR STAHMER: I want to know sir what is legal.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That is what I am trying to find out.

SENATOR STAHMER: Why don't we just ask the Attorney General if ti is legal?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Because I want to do it both ways unless you object to it.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well I object to it because I think that we ought....

SENATOR CARPENTER: Alright then, I move the question.