

it now. I have no knowledge of that in--I want to know also if there is a similarity or if this is the same when a small town goes out and builds a building under a constitutional amendment to attract industry outstate, you know where a city or a subdivision of government, then leases it to the industry and the industry supposedly pays off the bond. Pardon? Well, I don't care what they are, I want to know if they can, maybe Omaha can do it this way. I'd like to know the answers to those questions and to Senator Goodrich, I will have to say this: The State is out of the property tax field but there is certain things, if exemptions are done, that it does hurt the local subdivisions of government so I don't quite buy just because the State's out of the property tax field that it still isn't important because the schools do suffer. The County does suffer and the other subdivisions of government, but I'd like to know more about this before I vote for Carpenter's amendment. I'm not saying I will or will not, but I want to know what I'm doing. I'm sort of like Senator Skarda. I just now received a letter from the Mayer, haven't had time to digest it, I'd like to know more about it in detail before I jump.

PRESIDENT: Well, we still have the Carpenter amendment before us. Senator Skarda, do you wish to be heard?

SENATOR SKARDA: Mr. President and Members of the body, I'm completely in the dark. I know there is a predated letter that was given to me by Senator Mahoney and that Senator Carpenter's changing his position in reference to one time sending this to the Governor and the other time to the Attorney General so, nobody's contacted me, I haven't heard a thing. I'm just as much in favor of doing what's right for the people of the State of Nebraska as anybody in this body but honestly, I don't know what's right or what's wrong so this is the position I'm left in--this is the reason why I'm not going to be acceptable to the proposal.

PRESIDENT: If you're through talking then, will you turn off your white light please? Thank you. Now, Senator Whitney did you wish to be heard on this issue.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I definitely feel this is the responsibility of this Legislature. For one thing alone, for example, State aid to education is based upon the amount of tax exempt properties there are in the cities and the countries. If you can get all this property in the form of non profits and in the city government hands, then they get more State aid to education and I understand that this building, after 99 years or so, is going to be donated to the City of Omaha and if we're going to have State aid to education based upon lack of property on the tax rolls, then it's the obligation of this Legislature to know what's happening in these cities and in the communities and, of course, as Senator Syas has asked the question with reference to industrial bonds, we already have ways that industry can get started through this sort of thing and to my way of thinking, that's what they're attempting to do but I do feel for what Senator Carpenter is saying because we're going to start a whole rash of new kinds of enterprises and tax exemptions unless this Legislature does something about it and it seems to me that it would definitely be a job of our fiscal analysts in our Legislature to look into this and then come up with a bill if we don't like it. We now have made arrangements for having 18 fiscal analysts in this Legislature. We can do this ourselves, and then come up with a bill, get it introduced and if we don't like this sort of thing why we can put a stop to it. If we think it's all right then we can go ahead with it, but I think that we, we can do this ourselves.

PRESIDENT: We're still debating the Carpenter motion that asks the Governor to make an Omaha building study through the State