

SENATOR GOODRICH: Would you consider amending your amendment by striking the word "purchase" on the two lines and substituting the word sale, sell, rather?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Senator Goodrich, I was so soundly whipped just a few moments ago that I don't want to be whipped again.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, but this would be, this would be a much simpler way of getting to what you're really after if you just said; the Board of Educational Lands and Funds may sell land upon consideration of all relevant factors, that such sale would be in the best interests of the educational trust.

SENATOR WHITNEY: You see, Senator Goodrich, my previous amendment which was turned down was doing just that very thing. The Board had asked me, a member of the Board had asked me after he had consulted with the Board of Educational Lands and Funds to have a bill in this Legislature to do the very thing that my amendment attempted to do here. He was one of the men who, he is a little more interested in selling than other board members and so my amendment that was just turned down, was for that purpose, that they would consider all relevant factors and it's my feeling that they're not going to sell and that's the reason why I put it on so, in this case now, if this Legislature had this much confidence, then I'd like to put this on and I, I could not accept your recommendation, Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Well, I'm afraid I couldn't accept this amendment, that's for sure.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis, then Senator Keyes.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Legislature. Senator Whitney, you're just a little late, the Federal Government beat you to it. They own about 20% of my district.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, Mr. President, when they talk about no land in Sarpy County to sell, Senator Whi--we have 40 acres that I think rents for the whole total sum of probably \$300 and the land exactly one foot over the fence is selling for \$12,500 an acre. I think that the land ought to be forced and put on sale but no way under the sun can we accept \$300 for 40 acres when you can sell it and get \$12,500 an acre with a minimum amount of grading. I don't understand why we want to keep this land. Let's make it so we sell it and if in western Nebraska they don't want to sell it, they like the leases where they can get it for maybe \$30 or \$40 or \$10 a section or quarter section, I don't know what they pay for it, but I do know that you get land mighty cheap and this land, I tried to rent it; it's been in this genera--this family for three generations and nobody in my family from my father, myself or my children, have been able to touch it, so let's put er on the market and get something out of it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Lewis, did you wish to be recognized? Go ahead sir.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Well, Senator Keyes, would you hold still a moment? That is the intent of my bill in the portion that allows them to set priorities because we have several tracts like this that should be offered as site for industrial tracts and this sort of thing and this is part of the intent of this bill. I'd like to go back to Senator Whitney's amendment if, if he will promise me as a matter of record, that this is constitutional, this last amendment, then I would not object to it.