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PRESIDENT: Well, now just a minute, Senator Keyes did you wish to be recognized again, your light is still on. Thank you, Senator Stahmer, okay, wait a minute, alright go ahead Senator Whitney. Turn Senator Stahmer's light off there too.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the legislature, in Senator Lewis' bill, on the bottom of page 2, it says the board of educational lands and funds shall review and set priorities for the sale of lands covered by leases expiring each year, giving the highest priority to those lands which it determines considering all relevant factors, can be sold to best advantage. So it's already in the bill, and up at the top of the page of the bill on page 2, it has crossed out the words shall and put in the word may, so Senator Goodrich's amendment to my amendment is already in Senator Lewis bill and therefore, it should be turned down.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the Goodrich amendment to the Whitney amendment? Alright, Senator Goodrich do you care to close on your amendment? Senator Goodrich passing closing, the question is shall the Goodrich amendment to the Whitney amendment be adopted, all those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. You are voting on the Goodrich amendment to the Whitney amendment, number 2, to LB 145. Alright, the Clerk will record.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 16 nays Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Whitney amendment, excuse me, the Goodrich amendment is lost, back to Senator Whitney now.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I realize that when you have Federal land that has just been given to the state, that everybody wants to sell. I remember back in 1965, that we had such land in Senator Marvel's district, we wanted to sell, we had such land in Senator Eric Rasmussen's district and they wanted to sell, and we had, and later on when Senator Maresh last year wanted to clear these titles, so that he could sell, I realize that Senator Fred Carstens had a game commission land that they had bought, and had it on hand and he wanted to sell it, but now this is different. If it's state owned land then it's different. I see no difference, and so I feel that if this legislative body wishes to make this land different than other lands, and then for, we should go ahead and give this board the privilege of buying. For example, you might have forty acre tract, or maybe say two sections of grass land out in the center of the sand hills, and privately and completely surrounding it and you do not have access to that land, well now how are you going to get the most rent out of that land, if you want to sell it how are you going to sell it at the highest price, you have to have access to it. So this would give the board of educational lands and funds the power to buy access to that land so that they in turn then could get the highest rental possible for that land, and of course in order to do that, it also make it possible for them to buy some land in Eastern Nebraska where we don't have hardly any of this land at the present time and I'd be the first one to go to the board and ask if they start some of this Eastern Nebraska land, and selling some of that Western Nebraska land, so that we could divide up the acreage equal throughout ever county in the state, this would be a wonderful thing and because then you people in Eastern Nebraska, would not be able to get as much taxes on your land as you are now getting, and we out there would be able to get a little more.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, did you wish to be recognized on the issue? The question is then, shall the Whitney second amendment be adopted to LB 145, all those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. You're voting on the second Whitney amendment to LB 145. Voting on the Whitney amendment. Have