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I made one big error in that thing, I told you you couldn't do it by letting the adjoining landowner have priority at that time and I was stupid enough to go to the Attorney General to verify my contention. I should have let the bill pass because I'd a had you beat but--when you found it out, when I made the Attorney General's opinion that you couldn't do that, you amended the bill and made it constitutional so I outmaneuvered myself and I lost 60 miles of good prime hunting ground for the people of the State of Nebraska and it was put up to bid not to the individual land, adjoining landowner like the bill originally called for. I corrected Senator Carstens' bill. Now this time you're doing the same thing only not quite as direct. I think you're, you're again treading on constitutional, well I think you're in a little quicksand as they say, I don't think you better do this, you might really need his severance clause. Why not just leave it and let the, if the Board of Educational Lands, anybody wants to go to them and they put it up for sale, it's up for sale. Don't, don't give priority to some particular class or leaser or interested person because I think you're in trouble there and I think even Senator Whitney might agree with me on this one. We generally agree pretty much but not too much today, but think about this a little bit, what you're doing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Waldron.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, would Senator Kelly yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly, will you yield?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes.

SENATOR WALDRON: Senator, what does "other interested person" mean to you?

SENATOR KELLY: To me that would be somebody that would want to buy some land.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I have to go along with what Senator Syas says here. If you're going to have it this way, it should have to read "anyone," because if you give favoritism to the leaseholder or person interested in buying the land, the right to call up the land for sale, you're certainly discriminating against the average individual and I believe that you'd find that unconstitutional and if Senator Kelly just inserted there that anyone, he might have a better idea but it still would not be acceptable to me but I would just like to point out to the body that I believe this one would probably be unconstitutional and so therefore, I would hope we would not adopt it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney, then Senator DeCamp. Speaking on the Kelly amendment.

SENATOR WHITNEY: If these, I'm in favor of the amendment and if these Senators would simply listen to what the Clerk read, they would know that it says "any other interested party," that's in the amendment so it is constitutional. There is no problem there. These fellows are attempting to use the, the divide and conquer philosophy, the Alexander the Great philosophy, of making a move here and thinking of moving somewhere else. And the amendment says "any leaseholder or other interested party may request." Now as far as this is concerned, Senator Syas might be wanting to purchase this land because it's apparently such a good thing to buy land that I think that he would want