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as temporary director and let the Governor come forward with a name and a person that he has hired to take the seat that he, that Dr. Anderson would vacate if he moved up and I think we'd have a clear choice before us. Until that time, I think the Governor has put Dr. Anderson in an unfortunate box.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I wonder if Senator Whitney would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney, will you yield?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, sir.

SENATOR BARNETT: There seems to be some confusion on the floor at this time. I've heard Senator Carstens make a statement that he wants to support him for the Director of Public Institutions. Would you make it perfectly clear to this body what Dr. Anderson's job will be if he accepts this appointment that we're voting on today?

(End of Belt #14)

(Begin Belt #15)

SENATOR WHITNEY: Senator, Senator Barnett, I have been given authority just a few moments ago on the telephone from the Governor to the affect that he shall separate these two jobs. This would mean that Dr. Anderson then would be only the Director of the Department of Institutions. Now, at the last hearing that we had since the Governor had asked Dr. Anderson to be the Director of Institutions, he felt that he should respond to the Governor of this state and he accepted and so now at this second hearing, he said this is what I want--I want to be the Director of Institutions as the Governor has requested me and this is my preference and so when he has this job, why it's in the law as to what his duties are. Obviously, he's over all the institutions of the State of Nebraska. Now there is a bill in this Legislature which will separate corrections from the present structure. Dr. Anderson says, that's fine with me, if this is what the Legislature wants, this is fine with me. So we don't know for certain until this Legislature decides as to whether or not corrections will be under or not. However, otherwise, he has the regional institutions, mental health clinics, under his jurisdiction, at Norfolk, at Lincoln and at Hastings. He has the other community mental health programs under his jurisdiction, he has the mental retarded programs under his jurisdiction and the Beatrice State Home and several other institutions that you have listed there in your report, Senator Barnett. So this is his job that he has and as I previously said, the Governor has decided to separate these two jobs and today all we are attempting to do is to consider the approval of Dr. Anderson as the head of the Department of Institutions.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Whitney, if I can continue then for just a second, are we to ignore what Dr. Anderson said at the March 1 hearing, 1973, which I would like to repeat for the body at this time. It was asked by Senator Stahmer: "Dr. I understand if you will retain the directorship of the medical services office because it requires the board certified psychiatrist which cannot be turned over to a man who is not, and you will simultaneously be the director of the Department of Institutions, if in the wisdom or lack of wisdom of the Legislature, we were to choose or to assign