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SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter, will you yield?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Surely.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Is there any projection, at all, or is it even possible for a projection as to what the financial, the fiscal impact of this could possibly be in the event that we do take this over.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Approximately \$250,000.

SENATOR CARSTENS: And this is operational expense to carry on these courses that are so prescribed in this amendment.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Everything for operation and nothing for the acquiring of the land under the bill. Yes sir.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Thank you.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, Mr. President, let me comment further. I realize the position what Senator Carstens is in, but there has been a lot of untrue statements made that I was trying to bail somebody out. I am not and I don't think Senator Carstens is either. I only make this motion because of the fact that I am in untenable position in which I don't know what else to do. I would just as soon have Senator Carstens in this if it would not have any affect upon anyone else voting against the bill because it is there, and the surprising thing to me that I still don't understand is that the people who are causing all the opposition, all the opposition, basically, are the ones who say, we'd like to have Pershing. They are asking for it and they are opposing me for the same reason because...I don't know why, but we don't want to do anything in the area which is in conflict with any other school that now exists. I am with position, the people in my district think I can walk on water. Nobody knows any better than I because I tried. Now this bill is not particularly important to me as an individual or as a state Senator. It is only important to the people that I represent and if there is anybody here who feels that this is the time in order to put Carpenter in his place, it is but you are not hurting me. You are only hurting the people I represent. Let me say to the Senators from Lincoln and Omaha, in the area in which you have an interest which you have a right to have an interest, I think I can say without any asking for a return of that activity that no man in this Legislature up to the present time has ever done any more for education in the University at Lincoln and Omaha than I have and in the city of Lincoln outside of the field of education. Now, let's compare, and I don't say this critically. Senator Stull had a bill. He wanted six or seven thousand but the Committee gave him seven hundred thousand. They finally made a mistake by a rejection, now he wants four hundred and fifty thousand. I have no objection to that. Senator Snyder had a bill to grass the Omaha and Lincoln University, and I have no objection to that. I am only asking for the passage of this bill an appropriation of \$250,000, to do what? To put an incentive into health on the rural area, to train people in the area of the use of those things which are very difficult for the individual to handle without some experience. We got the field, for example, in emergency ambulances. We have the training of those people to help the nurses and doctors. We are getting in to the area today because the lack of those who have been authorized to do certain things. They, under their supervision, have to authorize what involvement they used to do with, and they are completely unprepared in order to fit in to this kind of economy. This is not a vast bill. This is, probably, the most misunderstood bill that was ever introduced in this Legislature, and I ask you based upon the facts involved, based on the fact that you and I think you want to be fair. I've asked the questions. Anybody have any here. I'm trying to bail anybody out. Nobody said they knew anything about