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people that I think need to be considered, or two particular groups of people. One, the students of Nebraska. What are their needs and can we do it already with the present and existing facilities that we have and that we already have a part of our responsibility. And the second is the taxpayer of the state of Nebraska, and I think we need to give consideration to both of these.

SPEAKER: Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, members of the body, when I punched the button to request permission to speak, I was unaware of the move to indefinitely postpone, but I would suppose maybe my remarks are, or would be in the same vein at this time. First of all, might I ask Senator Carpenter to yield to one question, please. Senator, this would be a follow up to a degree to one of the points made by Senator Stromer just a moment ago, that being, what course are we going to follow with higher education in this state. And my direct question to you would be, do you have, in a few words, do you have a statement that you can make regarding your feelings on how much higher education Nebraska can afford today.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, let me ask you. Do you think the state can afford sixteen billion dollars more for capitol improvements in Omaha and Lincoln.

SENATOR SNYDER: No, sir. That's not the type of question I'm asking you. I don't mean it in that...

SENATOR CARPENTER: I know what you don't mean.

SENATOR SNYDER: Let us not misunderstand each other.

SENATOR CARPENTER: We won't.

SENATOR SNYDER: No, no. What I mean is...

SENATOR CARPENTER: What you are saying is how much is too much. Is that it?

SENATOR SNYDER: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Who knows. Do you?

SENATOR SNYDER: I have some thoughts toward that line.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Express them.

SENATOR SNYDER: All right. Senator Carpenter and I probably have as widespread differences in philosophy as any two people in here at times, but on this point I am going back, Senator, to my first year here as a member of a study committee on Educational Service Units and, Senator Carpenter, I think you probably recall coming down to the Scottsbluff City Hall the morning which we met there. You had just flown back after having filed in Omaha for U.S. Senate and the discussion that day in the Scottsbluff City Hall was the fact that, again, there was a need for facilities in your area, in this case, specifically, to help youngsters who did not have adequate facilities and training facilities in the area of mental retarded programs, et cetera. And I wondered after learning of the suggestion that Hiram Scott facilities be accepted by the University of Nebraska if rather than in talking solely in terms of facilities for the University, would it be possible that we could also talk in terms of using those facilities for purposes beyond just the immediate use of the University of Nebraska system. Aren't there enough facilities there in which there could be quite a structure that would, indeed, serve more than one purpose for western Nebraska. No, go ahead.