

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh, will you yield?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yes.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Cavanaugh, do or does the Governor need this to do this now? Does he need this resolution to do this?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: As a legal matter, or do you mean does he have the authority to acquire a facility?

SENATOR BARNETT: Right.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: It would be my opinion that he does.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, then why are we...

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Or to lease a facility.

SENATOR BARNETT: What?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: To lease or acquire a facility, I believe that he does have that authority.

SENATOR BARNETT: He could consolidate these structures up there then without a direction, without a directive from the legislative body, right?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: In my opinion he could, yes.

SENATOR BARNETT: I guess that's, I guess that's my main concern, what do we need it for?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, it would be my hope that this Legislature would encourage, would encourage that consolidation and perhaps the result of that encouragement would be an acceleration of this consolidation of facilities. That's my feeling.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, couldn't we get this done just as fast if you'd walk over to his office and tell him to do it?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well I doubt it.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, I guess, I guess you've actually answered my question. He can already do it without this resolution?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yes, of course.

SENATOR BARNETT: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Epke.

SENATOR EPKE: Mr. President, fellow members, I've got a question of Senator Cavanaugh.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh, will you yield again?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yes.

SENATOR EPKE: Senator Cavanaugh, I'm a little bit in the dark as to how many of these agencies do exist in Omaha. Could you give me a figure?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yes, I've lost my sheet when I first started talking but I have it again. There's the Revenue Department, the Welfare Department, Institutions, Motor Vehicles, Insurance Department, Visually Impaired, Parole administration, Probation administration, Equal Opportunity Commission, Rehabilitation Services. And that, I have all of their present locations