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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: That is not contemplated this year, I believe they are projecting that for next year.

SENATOR STAHMER: I would have another question. Was this referred to a committee, the resolution?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yes, it was.

SENATOR STAHMER: What committee was that?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Miscellaneous.

SENATOR STAHMER: Miscellaneous. I'm curious why it was not referred to the Budget Committee?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, I'm not on the reference committee.

SENATOR STAHMER: All right.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I wholly concur with Senator Cavanaugh's resolution. We presently in Omaha have about 10 or 11 agencies that are spread from the east to the west and all paying rent and what this would do would be to give at least the sanction that these agencies who presently pay rent, this rent could be applied to a proper type of facility in which they could be housed in one central location and there has been no word or definite thoughts. These buildings are all being checked for locations so that it would be central and definitely it is not the First National at this point. They are investigating and looking into all buildings and trying to find out per foot where they would have the best type of situation for the leasing and also have the best situation for location. We have Visually Impaired at 33rd and Leavenworth Street, we have Motor Vehicles in South Omaha, we have another agency that's on the far west part of the town and this could be to give sort of a go ahead that this would be something that we presently are trying to do here in Lincoln with a lot of state agencies, at least put them under one particular roof.

PRESIDENT: There's an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to amend LR 21. Reads. Signed, Senator Clark.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the amendment? Well, let's see if we can thread back here. Senator Duis, do you want to speak on the amendment? You were next to be heard. All right. Chair recognizes Senator Carpenter then.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I want to rise to oppose my friend's amendment. I think we have to realize what we're trying to do is to establish, at least what I think we're trying to do is establish in a building unknown the choice is among several buildings as I understand it, First National Bank building, City National Bank building, probably the athletic club, the Fontenelle Hotel, there's a lot of buildings that have no particular use to some extent not too much value. That's the reason this thing is an opportunity. It seems to me that obviously--take the First National Bank which I am reasonably familiar with. In a general sense, at the time I knew something about it which may not prevail now, they are willing to sell the building for a million dollars; they had a lease from Meisner Brothers which had a liability accepted and known of \$350,000 which meant they were really offering to the State of Nebraska to build a branch capitol, that's