

could be confused and Senator Clark's resolution apparently does tighten it up a little so that it would eliminate that confusion, that we're talking strictly about state offices and not going into a lease program, wouldn't it be reasonable to adopt the amendment he proposes thereby eliminating that confusion and making it strictly state offices.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: It's my feeling that Senator Clark's amendment confuses the issue further. The only issue that we're talking about here is acquiring an adequate facility to consolidate state services that we presently have at diverse locations in the City of Omaha and acquiring a facility that would be adequate for the projected expansion of state services in the near future in the City of Omaha. In order to do that it may be necessary for a period of time to acquire a, certainly to acquire a building larger than what we presently require but that we will require in the future to continue our policy of consolidation and in the meantime perhaps lease to private individuals. At a great savings, I might add, to the State of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President and members, you see the people of my district say I don't get up and talk much so I had to have something to talk about. That's the reason I put it in. You've got to have this television time, you know. All the rest of you guys get up here and squawk and squawk about nothing anyway so I had to have a little something to talk about. I want to withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any objections to withdrawing the amendment? Do I hear any objections? Hearing none, so ordered. The amendment is withdrawn. Back to LR 21. Senator Dickinson, did you wish to be heard on the Cavanaugh resolution here? Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I do. First I'd better comment I guess and you weren't here yesterday but I almost got married to Omaha yesterday and today I'm asking for no-fault divorce probably when I get done with my comments. When we first started this discussion it appeared this resolution was intended to start the wheels rolling but after listening to this discussion it seems as though they are already snowballing. So I'm really wondering what's going on. I can't help but wonder. But I'd like to make a couple of suggestions before the State talks about going into big business in downtown Omaha. First, we have a parking problem. I don't think any property in downtown Omaha would be cheap enough probably to serve the people in this area in the needs that they have and dealing with state government. I think the center of Omaha is not 72nd Street and not 16th Street. If they want to serve people they should be in the center of where those people are and where the facilities could be available to everyone's utmost convenience. It would seem to me, well, Senator Syas, you want some help on where some land is farmed, there's a lot of cornfields in Douglas County that are owned by the State Game Commission, so just add to that little discussion. I think a study, I think we'd better slow down here a little bit from the conversation I've been hearing, it kind of scares me. I really think there should be a study made as to where these services need to be made available to the people in this Omaha, in the Omaha area which includes probably a tri-county area and it would appear that this perhaps should not be in downtown Omaha but it should be studied out thoroughly. Perhaps this has already been done. If it has, then I go back to reiterate that the wheels seem to be turning pretty rapidly and perhaps the resolution has no meaning. Senator Cavanaugh, do you want to respond to me while I'm up here? It looks like you might.