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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I would respond, Senator Dickinson, by saying that I think extensive study has been done by the administration in this area and the fact that a central location as to population I think is not arguable here in the fact that the consolidation here and the convenience involved here I think has more to do with the fact that downtown Omaha is the center of governmental activity and is the center of commercial activity and to the convenience added here is the fact that if an individual has to transact business with government, he normally has to transact business with several segments of government--county government, city government, federal government and when he comes to do that, I think it's much more convenient to have state government located in a proximity these other governmental subdivisions in addition to the commercial part of the city. That's the basis of the convenient location in downtown Omaha.

PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, I hate to tell you this but we have a motion to adjourn and we have some other things that have to be taken care of and it doesn't appear to the chair that we're going to dispatch LR 21 today. I don't want to, I'm just saying, if you're approximately through, Senator Dickinson, well fine but if not why we have a problem.

SENATOR DICKINSON: If I'm how near to through did you say, Mr. President? I just as well respond to Senator Cavanaugh and I won't have to get back up tomorrow or Monday or whenever. This alarms me, the attitude, and I realize what the attitude is. I was quite disturbed as were tens of thousands literally of other people and after much, much angry controversy in Omaha and Douglas County decided to build their new center of government downtown. So of course they got their foot in the door and now this is the lever to put this part of the seat of government in downtown also but I hate to see this thing continue when obviously the center of Omaha is no longer at 16th Street, that's all. I reiterate that many many people are sadly saddened by the fact that our new city/county building is downtown where they can't have access to it.

CLERK: Message.

PRESIDENT: All right, we have a message on the desk.

CLERK: Message on the desk, Mr. President, from the executive office. Reads. Reads reports.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: This is a suspension of the rules so that a hearing can be held on the three bills next Tuesday. I so move.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the motion? Question is, shall the rules be suspended so that hearing can be held on the bills? Is there need for discussion? Senator Kelly, are you up to discuss? All right, now I have Senator Stahmer's light, Whitney's light and so forth. Are they, are you up to discuss this issue? Senator Dickinson, are you through talking? If so would you turn off your light

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so we can keep track of what's going on here? Same thing with-- Question is, shall the rules be suspended and the bills voted on? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Clerk will record.