

down here. It was necessary to construct. Up there apparently there is, has there been some offers from up there; and from whom?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I don't believe there has been any offers formal offers made, to DAS in this regard. DAS has to my knowledge expended a good deal of time over the last year inquiring themselves, I believe they've taken the initiative to go to Omaha, and to seek out what type of facilities were available that would meet the needs that they feel are required to provide for consolidation of the various services that they are presently expending. I think the initiatives were taken by DAS and by the Governor in this regard, to explore what facilities would be available rather than offers having been made in this regard. I think the initiative has been taken by the State here.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well then my next question probably is, someone from the budget committee that might be familiar with it, did DAS have any problems with any leases in Lincoln, but cost them some money. Does anyone know? Is anybody on the budget committee. Cognizance of what the DAS had any problems with any leases here in Lincoln, that cost them a bundle.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark do you care to respond?

SENATOR CLARK: The only thing I know is that on the Webb Press building, the CenGas building those are having alot of trouble and the Webb Press building, they haven't even started to use that building yet. There has been a big loss on that building. I don't know what they are going to do, I mean, these are ones that they have leased, they remodeled a buildings, they don't have, they want to go into some of them. I think maybe when our office building goes up here in Lincoln, we'll probably have "O" street maybe be deserted about like 16th street in Omaha. Now I don't know. Half of our people are downtown and these buildings, they are going to pull them out a little bit, I don't know what they are going to do with them downtown. Unless they raise them all.

PRESIDENT: Senator Savage--

SENATOR SAVAGE: I like to partially ask that question. Last year we had some reports that some of the, Lincoln landlords were over charging the State for some of the facilities that, they were renting to the State of Nebraska. Out at the air center, where, out by the airport, they were charging double what they were charging the Chamber of Commerce for instance, for the same amount of space that they were using and I think that is true. That they were over charging last year, at least last year. I don't know if the DAS had any problems with it or not.

PRESIDENT: Thank-you Senator Savage, Senator Luedtke, do you have some input.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I just want Senator Clark to know that I don't believe the people of Lincoln and the Lincoln merchants are worried about this particular situation you spoke about. We're building a new building a new bank building in this town, we're bringing in people from other parts of the country, taking over whole floors of the bank building. New people are coming into Lincoln and Omaha both and I think the economy can stand it and we'll get along just real well with having this State office building here and I think probably the same situation could be argued for Omaha, that it would be well to, to consolidate and to have State agencies where the people a, can get to them and not have to run all over creation to do it. I think it, the tax payer is entitled to a little consideration as far as the location of these agencies.