

Nebraska, in my opinion. I happened to have held the Interim Study on this. I asked Senator Marvel to carry the bill because he was one of the original introducers of Administrative Services. I am kind of sorry I asked him to do it. I think it puts him in a bad spot. Just to clarify some of the type of things that we are asking for. The Governor says we can get any information we want out of the Department of Administrative Services. Just ask for it and you shall receive. Now, the other day we had a \$47,000 appropriation for telecommunications. That's what they have asked for, specifically. Specifically, in one letter that was asked for, that was not pertinent to any thing we were talking about at that particular time, the Governor sent a message over to us that he would ask for nothing in telecommunications. That was the second time that he had said that. So when they asked for \$47,000, I asked them specifically, the Governor's budget staff, how they arrived at \$47,000. What was the outstanding bill at that time. What was the uncollected amount of money at that time and how they arrived at this \$47,000. We called up yesterday morning and they said Mr. Oberg is out looking for the information from the departments at that time. How in the world could you set a \$47,000 figure, if you didn't have the figure previously. Have to go ask for it again? Here is the answer I received when I asked for that specific information. At your request, I reviewed the status of the present billings and charges connected with Phase I of our telecommunications network. From that review, I have learned that the present supplemental request for \$47,575 was based upon the debts incurred in excess of the accounts receivable. At this time, it is assumed that all accounts receivable will be honored and collected. That is the type of information we are getting. That's the type of thing we would like to cure. We'd like to get the same information. Everyone wants a strong Governor. I'd like to have one also. I have nothing derogatory to say about the Governor. This bill is not derogatory to the Governor. I think it will be a crime if this bill is not passed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Richendifer.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, in response to Senator Clark's statement on his information from DAS, the \$47,000 that was asked for was a deficit in the telecommunications. He already had the figures of a deficit of \$150,000. At that time that he asked for it, they did not know how much money was going to come from the Crime Commission, the balance of the accounts receivable from the different departments. They assumed that these would be paid. So this is how they arrived at the \$47,000. Now he cannot say that he didn't get a response. I would like to ask Senator Clark a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Could you recite some instances that you have asked for information that you didn't get the answer.

SENATOR CLARK: I thought I just responded to it here. I am very happy that you could bring this information to the floor and that we couldn't get it from the Department of Administrative Services. The outstanding balance at the present time owed NCCC is \$150,593.78 as of yesterday morning. Now, time and time again, I have asked, because I was chairman of the telecommunications, how they were going to pay the bill in there. Now last year they came to me, I said how much money do you need in this. He says, we don't need any. Would you believe it if I told you we didn't need any money. I says, No, I think you would be lying to me.