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area that ought to be taken care of for the betterment of the state was to set up a diagnostic center so you could diagnose disease immediately before you did...went into long range research and as you indicate the diagnostic center comes first and the research building would come later, after they come up with more clearer programs and plans.

SENATOR EPKE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: At the University of Nebraska-Omaha which starts on Pages 14 and 15, their first priority which somehow or other got lost in the shuffle before it got to the Governor's office, their first priority has to do with central utilities which eventually will cost close to 2½ million dollars and it can be built in two phases and so we recommend that we start the first phase, which is roughly a million and a quarter that in the second place, based upon student head count, based upon volumes of books, that a little over five million dollars be appropriated for a library and the library on the UNO campus is a little different functional building than a library on some other campuses because it provides not only for books and for a place to study but also a media center, so it's to be a combination of all of those activities necessary for study. It also provide the purchase of two additional properties west of the UNO campus and the balance that would be 229 million and the balance would be used for.. where is the balance..

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, do you have a question at this time?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Ask Senator Marvel a couple of questions.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Marvel.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What is the section pertaining to the University of Omaha insofar as land acquisition is concerned?

SENATOR MARVEL: How much is the amount or the section?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Where is the section?

SENATOR MARVEL: Page 16, Section 38.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I am sort of a godfather to the University of Omaha, my self-determination. Now it seems to me that before this University can advance at all, it has got to have some land. We've tried every maneuver known to the field of politics in order to acquire part of the golf course and that ravine there without any success. We were fought by every angle, by people who believe that recreation is more important than education. Now really the only place we can go is west. We are going to have to buy someday a lot of houses, probably at a greater value than they are worth, but if this University is going to grow, it has to have first ground to expand on and that it don't have. We got some very material and desirable parts in this bill for the University in Omaha. We don't have any place to put it. You go up there today, for example, all you can see cars parked places where they shouldn't be parked. The thing is jammed together to the point it has lost all the environmental affect from the standpoint of scenery as well as being practical. Now today is the time to acquire that land and 229 thousand dollars is only the beginning. We ought to acquire everything west of the University that was needed now, either by negotiations or by condemnation because to me it is foolish to expand a University without the