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if it was the city, we will say, taking or negotiating a sale it would be up to the council to approve or reject the acceptance or the closing of the sale. Either they have agreed to it or they haven't agreed to it. If it is the University the board of Regents would have to agree to it. The public literally is safeguarded by the elected representatives that have to approve it whether it is a gift or negotiated purpose. This would be in their.....

SENATOR KELLY: This is in the minutes and then this would be public record.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well let me read what the law says. It says any agency which proposes to acquire private property for a public purpose shall give notice of such proposed acquisition at least 90 days before beginning negotiations of such acquisition. It goes on to say who should be notified. This applies to all subdivisions of government which uses condemnation. Now we are not talking about small amounts we are talking about amounts that would be up in themillions of dollars. If you want to use a rare example. I just don't think, now we had a meeting the other day which Mr. Johnson who is the attorney for the University of Nebraska and I understand that they want the bill that Senator Goodrich has introduced in there. Now what happens over in the University, and I don't say that the University does anything wrong, I don't know. But they indicate and testified for example, lets say in condemnation or anything of a like nature it is referred to probably some one man in the faculty or the establishment. They bring in a recommendation I presume to the President and eventually the board of Regents, now after all how can anyone predetermine except the man that made the recommendation as to what is going on. Now I just think that in the area of buying and selling property with public money there ought to be some notification to the point that everyone that wants to at least by making some effort to understand what is going on. Now I know in my own mind that in Omaha they are paying too much for some property. That is being done by negotiation of willing buyers and willing sellers. When you get a willing buyer and a willing seller then believe me the buyer is getting all the property is worth. The seller is rather. Now I would think in my own opinion, I don't think that there is anything above a certain amount. Say 10-15-20 thousand dollars that they should buy anything without going through the court of condemnation. Now the reason for that is that then you have the court approve it and the chances are on the present condemnation laws that the seller is going to get more than he would otherwise, then we have the thing scrutinized. We have the thing to look over. You and I know go into Douglas County there are a lot of strange things happening and I have seen the wreckers and I have seen the minutes and the things gone on in Douglas County my friend that shouldn't happen to a country dog, let alone a tax payer. Many times that is about the position the tax payers are put in in relationship to being represented in the standpoint of equity in the area