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of the respective states because it is normal thing for people to want to visit state governments, to want to visit the capitol buildings, the museum, those types of structures all in one spot, and I think that was their principal reason for requesting the Legislature to designate this particular site, obviously you wanted to make other arguments of a site similar out along the interstate or all kinds of things but I think that the centralizing of the present and the past in one place has the overriding merit.

PRESIDENT: Senator Snyder?

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I guess my comment would be in the same area that Senator Stahmer's was. Are there any existing facilities that would lend themselves to being a historical center? And Senator Stahmer, I had discussed the Union Pacific Depot in Omaha, I am also thinking that I have a meeting this weekend in Omaha concerning the probable availability of Fort Omaha, which has a lot of area, a lot of space. It is near the completion of a new segment of interstate that will bypass the downtown area and will be carrying the bulk load of east-west traffic through our state, which we have been giving thought to for possible conclusion of Nebraskaland tourism stations because we have the Mormon Cemetery, and some other historical sites in that immediate vicinity, and I am not trying to be argumentative on this Senator Warner at all, I am just wondering if there has been, I am sure that each one of us in our districts has something that has historical importance but I am wondering, if there aren't some that do have the size of which we are talking about here that could adequately house and would be a tribute to the preservation of Nebraska history?

PRESIDENT: The Chair next recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Taking a jump off of Senator Stahmer and Senator Snyder, although I disagree with them so that will be clear in the beginning. There is a very historical site in my district. As a matter of fact, it is the Spencer Street Barber Shop where I work. I don't own the shop, I work for an individual who owns it, I am an employee. I think that might, in itself, be historical. But, I think there comes a time when we have to be practical and realistic and consider the setting in which these types of buildings would most properly fit and I don't think that would be Fort Omaha and Omaha, I do not think that it would be the Union Pacific Depot, and if you look at some of these establishments, you see that the original purpose that they were intended for turned out not to be, these places were not suitable for those purposes. However, I think Senator Warner would be able to strike a compromise if we accept what he is offering in this bill. Senator Warner, would you yield to a question or two?

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you accept these items as being of historical significance for placement in this new structure? Would you accept some chips of marbel from the depot in Omaha? Would you accept that?

SENATOR WARNER: That would seem reasonable.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you accept some of the things from the buildings from Fort Omaha?

SENATOR WARNER: That would seem reasonable.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you accept some shavings from the Spencer Street Barber Shop?