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PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Hasebrook. Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: No response.

PRESIDENT: Did you want to be heard on the issue? The question before us is shall LB1052 be referred to a committee.

MAHONEY MAHONEY: Mr. President, I'll make this very brief. I would be very pleased if this Legislature would send this back to the committee for public hearing. I think this is most important. It is important for the constituents of Norfolk, Nebraska. I think Senator Kennedy here is not doing what he should be doing for his constituents and Senator Kennedy should be up and praising and helping this measure back to committee.

PRESIDENT: Are you all.....now, Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Is there a motion now before us?

PRESIDENT: The motion before us is that LB1052 be referred to a committee for public hearing.

SENATOR STAHMER: All right, I'd like to amend that to have it referred to the Appropriations Committee. We've already gone over this lightly once and I think it needs to be gone over strongly a second time.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

(End of Belt #2) (A)

(Begin Belt #3A)

(Machine Malfunction)

SENATOR KENNEDY: I would speak to the subject of returning it to the committee plus the amendment as to what committee. And very seriously and I will be on the telephone immediately as I said when we started to see if we can hold the veterans and the only thing it will do, time element was totally involved here. The only thing this will do will, if we can hold the veterans there and if we can hold the institution there, that's my concern. But, by holding the committee and in what committee, then I'm saying, the state will pay the sum if we can get the veterans to hold for a year. That's my concern. I have not had an opportunity to ask for that. They told us what we should do and I want to see those facilities that are good facilities and we spent a lot of money in, I want to see them used. Now the public hearing would be fine if we'd had plenty of time. No question in my mind and you're all sincere in what you're saying. To put it into the committee that you're asking to put it into is fine. I agree to that amendment. But the subject matter is most urgent. If we are to keep those facilities and keep those people that need their jobs in Northeast Nebraska. That is my concern. Not the hearing because we'll hear the same thing that we did six years ago and four years ago and two years ago when we transferred those same buildings.

PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, again I'm going to remind the Body the only thing before this Body at this time is Senator Stahmer's amendment which would make sure that if the bill was referred to committee that it go to the Appropriations Committee.