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SENATOR GOODRICH: Absolutely not, and Shirley you know that.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak Senator Kime, and then DeCamp, Stahmer Duis. Senator Kime.

SENATOR KIME: Well, Chairman, I have a question for Senator Goodrich.

PRESIDENT: Please take your hand off the microphone, Senator Kime.

SENATOR KIME: Senator Goodrich, of course we have two of these atomic plants here in Nebraska. I think they are probably both working now. What would they do, what could they do now in case of an atomic accident? There where someone would be contaminated with this atomic energy.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Why would have to fly the patient to Oakridge Tennessee. Or Chicago, or possibly Denver. I believe there is one at Denver also. But it would entail, not only the contamination of the airplane, itself, but the lack of protection of the crew of the airplane. You destroy a complete airplane, which is not properly equiped to carry this patient, and you would also lose the time that it takes to get the patient to the airplane, get the airplane off the ground, fly it to Oakridge or Chicago or Denver and get him to the hospital there, where they have an isolation ward. You don't dare take this patient into any hospital that does not have an isolation ward, otherwise you would contaminate the whole hospital and all the patients in it.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I don't know whether I'm going to support or oppose until I get a couple questions answered. This discussion tickled my memory. In about two or three years ago, we had public power hearings in Omaha, and at that time it was kind of a gentlemen's agreement or whatever that was reached in those hearings, that we adopt the atomic compact that was done, and the other things was that this center that they are talking about was vitally important to treatment of nuclear type of disaster type activity. And was kind of informally agreed, but a very very solid understanding that the state would pay half and the power companies would pay half, and so my question gets down to how has it worked out, have they paid their half?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Now, two years ago for example, we originally processed a bill which specifically directing this to be done. We in ~~the~~ bill provided that the Nebraska Public Power District provide \$80,000 or one third of the cost, the Omaha Public Power District was to provide \$80,000 and the state provided the other third, or we split it three ways in other words. The two power districts and the state have all three used...put in their money, a total of \$240,000 to get the job done. We ran short of money in getting the job done, and they under estimated the cost of it, in other words, and that is what we are doing now. Now anticipation of the next question I'm going to say, for example, why don't we process another bill to tell the power districts to pay their third of this amount too. Well, that's what I answered a few minutes ago to Senator Clark, for example, for him I said what difference does it make if it's coming -out of the taxpayers pocket as a rate increase in his electric bill, or whether it is coming -out of our general fund which comes out