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the hearing is cancelled. We are ready then for agenda item #5, introduction of new bills, taking them up in the request orders on your agenda commencing with Request #782, Building Maintenance Committee. The Chair recognizes Senator Ralph Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Nebraska Unicameral, this request by the Building Maintenance Committee would allow the University and the State Colleges to make use of buildings that are owned by the bondholders when this would be of advantage to the campus that the building would be located on but each and every proposition that would come under this change would have to specifically be approved by legislative action and this is the ticket that makes the bill work. I request your support to introduce it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: One quick question of Senator Kelly. Could you expand a little bit on "make available"?

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly, will you respond?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes.

SENATOR DWORAK: In what way?

SENATOR KELLY: Pardon?

SENATOR DWORAK: How is it made available, Senator Kelly? Purchase, lease or both or either?

SENATOR KELLY: Purchase. Let's say hypothetically that there is a building on a campus that is ideally situated for what we are going to have new construction for. Ideally on a campus there would be, say, a dormitory building that is ideally suited for the purpose that that college wants to build a new building for. Rather than build the new construction, there will be instances where it is preferable to purchase the bonded building and remodel it at a much lower cost than the new construction and the point being that there is no blanket authority. This each comes under individual legislative action but it is to save the construction cost rather than to buy buildings that are not needed, it is to save construction cost, Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: This can't be done now, Senator Kelly, a building on a campus of a college can't be changed from its