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inmates of the Nebraska Center for Women have responded favorably to the construction of an all faiths chapel and the chapel would be constructed as to facilitate religious services and would also serve as a reception or meeting hall and once the chapel is constructed a part time chaplain could be hired in conjunction with the State Department of Correctional Services. In conclusion the road to rehabilitation and correction for imprisoned individuals can be assisted through ample provision of religious surroundings and the chapel at the Nebraska Center for Women would provide a meeting place for all faiths to congregate. This would also provide facilities for meetings and other activities. I urge for the adoption of LB (sic) 187, LR 187, pardon me.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I would ask Senator Sieck a question or two.

PRESIDENT: Senator Sieck, would you respond?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: Recently out in my area the VA established a chapel and they built it with donations from people and had no tax money involved. I assume this is true of the one you are speaking of.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, it is. There will be no tax money involved in building the chapel.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, and like most of us we believe in keeping the church and state separated. Is the maintenance then kept up by the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR SIECK: The maintenance will be kept up by the State of Nebraska, correct.

SENATOR NICHOL: Since the one out there is very successful, I understand, I support your resolution. Thank you.

SENATOR SIECK: Thank you, Senator Nichol.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I wholeheartedly support this resolution. I say that because I live in Kearney where the Youth Development Center is and we have a chapel that was built several years ago exactly