

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, do you yield?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I do.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Schmit, on the white copy and that is what we are talking to, aren't we?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right.

SENATOR KOCH: Section 4, as I read that, it says all departments, institutions, agencies of the state which support in part or in whole by taxation shall purchase their printed goods from the State of Nebraska and that means the department out here. Now since we support the City of Omaha by a sales tax to a greater degree than they get off their property tax that means that the City of Omaha must buy all their printed material from the department.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Koch, it very clearly states that they can handle those responsibilities, they are capable of handling for the State of Nebraska or subdivisions of the state.

SENATOR KOCH: It will be up to the director then to make a determination what they can and cannot do.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right. I do not think that the Department of Correctional Services is going to be a major factor in the printing business in the State of Nebraska, at least for a long, long time.

SENATOR KOCH: Well you know that I have...and you and I visited about this, Senator Schmit, you know that I have some concern about this in terms of the private sector. I am completely in agreement with you in what you are attempting to do in this bill but I get a little concerned when I see that the printing department out here. Should we also say that all agencies, subdivisions and others that we support in part or whole shall buy their furniture from the same place, and they make a lot of furniture there because I bought some this one time for the City of Ralston?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator, I think you have got the same situation in the furniture department that you have with the department of printing. I think that if they think they can save some money by purchasing some of that equipment there they will do it, if they can't they won't and they don't have to and I think that is also discretionary authority, in fact, it is a discretionary authority in this