

hardship this would be to southeast Nebraska? I know we spent a lot of money down there. I think we spend a lot of money some other places. If you want to do a little checking let's come up here to Lincoln. We spent a million dollars a year ago to build a tractor testing building where we could get some financial income and today, have you ever went out there and seen that million dollar building? Who moved into it? Ag Engineering took it over when it was actually built for tractor testing. There went about six hundred and some thousand dollars of misappropriations. Why don't we do a little checking around here? Let's go out to the Penal Complex up here on the hill. How many people are up there and how much of an expenditure that was? We spent ten million dollars up there. Did we need it? No. These are people we got up there that cost this expense. The people in the college, we get money. This is a dividend. You throw them in the clink like you got them up here in the Correctional Center and what have you got? You've got no education to them and you haven't got anything. I think that this is...Senator Johnson, I have a lot of respect for you but I think this is one of the biggest boo boos I saw you make in a long time and so help me, I've been in business a long time and this isn't the way I would do business and I think that it is about time you reverse your thoughts here because you are on the wrong track if this is the way you think it should be done. A minor item like this when we have so many major ones... this is what this whole body is about, figuring out playing with tinker toys when we've got major buildings and major operations, major expenses, million dollars, billion dollars expenses and we are fooling around with thousands. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Before I recognize the next speaker I would like to introduce Jaynette Keim from Papillion, a friend of Senator Cope, Senator Keyes district, under the North balcony. Would you stand and be recognized, please? She is gone? All right, thank you. We will put it into the record. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support the Johnson amendment. I would like to explain a little bit about what I think is the problem. You know this Legislature hasn't been all that courageous and I think Senator Johnson's arguments that maybe that HPER Building was not the most wisdomatic decision this Legislature ever made but we have it at the behest of very powerful members