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SENATOR MERZ: I know they have worked on this for the last couple of years but I don't know how much they have collected. Maybe Cal remembers. Do you know how much is collected on this? They have collected some but I don't know how much but I will assure you I will do all I can to do this. I think it is a big possibility here. This sounds reasonable.

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, Nelson, why don't you check? Can you call somebody real quick and...?

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell, you have one minute left.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I would like to finish up on the...

SENATOR MERZ: Well I can check and then speak on it later.

SENATOR NEWELL: That might be a good idea.

SENATOR MERZ: But if we are going to cancel out southeast Nebraska though we won't even have to worry about it.

SENATOR NEWELL: We are talking about \$22,000 here for the lease arrangement. We are making a commitment to pay off bonds that was supposed to be paid off by the school. It was supposed to be paid off by students that went to the school except they don't have students at the school and so they are not paying off those bonds and we spent a lot of money for that HPER Building and they can't use it without the renovation of Majors Hall. There is no question about that but I think that it is wrong for us to fund something or pick up commitments that others have made after they have made those commitments and they can't live ... I think it is wrong for us to continue to buy or to deal with, you know, the old trick that Robert Moses played in New York...

SENATOR CLARK: Your time is up, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: ...and that is bail us out, bail us out.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Vard Johnson either does not know or simply declined to say that Majors Hall will become the property of Peru State College. He certainly does know that it will but he just simply neglected to mention that. We did not have to invest as many dollars in the Physical Education Building because the possibility was available to remodel construction