

which already was there. We did not have to make the investment into Majors Hall. That investment had been made. That construction was previously constructed. We have very carefully looked in our concern. It is not just thirty miles to another college, Senator Vard Johnson, for the persons who live in that part of the state. We want to have opportunities for our young people to attend college in our state and southeast Nebraska has that opportunity through Peru State College. Mr. Speaker, I would voluntarily share my time with Senator Don Dworak, another member of the Appropriations Committee.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, I think my past voting record and my past speaking record on this particular issue and Peru State in general is pretty clear and if this body wants to really take the issue in hand and all the other campuses across this state that we question as to whether they are marginal, so be it. But the fact of the matter is we have Peru State College today. The fact of the matter is we have a significant investment in it and the fact of the matter is we are going to keep it until we are ready to face the issue all the way across this state, whether we want to talk about Sidney or whether we want to talk about Chadron or whatever particular area of the state we want to talk about. When we throw those all in there we will make those kind of hard decisions and I am willing to do that. The Majors Hall thing, they came for three years trying to get the state to bail out the bonded indebtedness and I personally am violently opposed to the state going in and taking over these revenue measures. In fact, I think we are even precluded from doing that in the constitution, in fact, I am sure we are precluded to doing it. The fact of the matter is when they built the new gymnasium and it is not quite the Taj Mahal Senator Johnson is picturing it to be compared to the HPER Buidling at UNO. It kind of looks like an out house but they didn't put showers in it and they didn't put certain ancillary facilities into the new building because they had planned on using the Majors Hall. The plan was they would lease it instead of buying it and that is infinitely more acceptable to me. The fact of the matter is if we are going to spend state dollars in it we have to lease with state dollars. That is the fact of the matter and we can't ignore that. The fact of the matter is is that gym, in order to be fully functional, needs this additional facility for showers, restrooms, and other ancillary space. Now the question was brought up on raising personal funds. Well the scheme