

is going to save us money. You know that reminds me of something that my husband used to say, every time my mother would go to the grocery store she'd say, I'm not going to buy a small can of pineapple, I'm going to buy a gallon because we're going to save so much money, in spite of the fact that we probably wouldn't eat a whole gallon of pineapple in the next six months, but we sure saved money as long as mother bought the gallon of pineapple. Eight hundred thousand dollars to buy a building across the street from the State Office Building here in Lincoln? I don't know how many millions of dollars are spent on capital construction here in Lincoln. I don't know how much money we keep spending year after year for Morrill Hall here in Lincoln, the Lied Center here in Lincoln, but some how we always justify buildings. I voted to override those things that the Governor vetoed that had to do with human services, human life. But I don't believe we need all this bricks and mortar. I have no objection to coming back to a special session, if it is necessary. I have no objection to cutting the budget where it is necessary. We used to have five architects sitting on the top of this building, and I inquired about it. I said, what do they do? And I said...they said, well, Senator, we got rid of one. We don't put anything out for bid to architectural firms except over \$50,000. And we have four architects here, paid between \$20,000 and \$30,000 apiece to do nothing but oversee the work of those multimillion dollar architectural firms, like Leo, Wade, Daly, and H.D.R., to see that they do the job. Why did we put it out to bid to those architects if we have such qualified architects here? Why don't they do the architectural work? We don't put it out for bid if it is over 50,000, I mean we do put it out for bid over 50,000. If we are going to trust an architectural firm then what do we need with four or five architects here? Do we have that many jobs under 50,000 that they are working on? The only thing I've ever known them to work on is every two years when we juggle office spaces around here.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I just cannot see spending all this money we don't have for, as I said, all these buildings. And, senators, it seems unique to me that so much of it is spent in a government city, a city that is totally almost dependent upon government, or it wouldn't even be here possibly if it weren't for the university and the State Capitol Building. And I wouldn't care if it was an \$800,000 building in Omaha, I'd be against that too because I believe human services should come