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nothing until something happens. Now, may I answer Senator Syas.

SENATOR DeCAMP: It says if the city of Omaha goes forward with such a project. I assume that any action, then, arranging financing or anything would constitute going ahead, wouldn't it?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, let me say to the Senator. The whole point of this thing is when does the state lend its credits in the area when a subdivision of government builds something with the credit of the city or the state and then leases it to other people who are not a subdivision of government to make money out of it. That's the question.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I see the problem and I certainly share your concern. I just...

SENATOR CARPENTER: I don't think you do.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I definitely do.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I wonder if Senator Goodrich would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, will you yield?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

SENATOR BARNETT: I guess we have to be direct or we can't seem to get the answer. I heard you make the accusation that Lincoln is included in this so for the information of this body and also for myself and I believe the Lincoln Senators, I can't answer for all of them but I know the city of Lincoln doesn't come to us for their building problems except when they want something big. Then, they come to us. I would like to have you tell this body what you are referring to in the city of Lincoln.

SENATOR GOODRICH: First of all, I didn't make any accusation to the city of Lincoln because I, personally, feel that this method of redevelopment of a downtown area is perfectly legitimate and perfectly proper. There is nothing wrong with doing it. Now, frankly I don't have the specific details of the Lincoln project. It was referred to the other night in a conversation and it has to do with the Kresge block of some sort that they are going to redevelop into parking and shops and that type of thing in the downtown area of Lincoln to help revitalize the downtown area of Lincoln. Now I, frankly, when we voted this down the other day I didn't go on and get details of that particular project because of the fact I thought the issue was dead and forgot about.

SENATOR BARNETT: Is that what you was referring to earlier in your talk when you first stood up to object when you said it was going on right here in Lincoln?

SENATOR GOODRICH: That's what I had in mind and that is the thing that, frankly, if it will help Lincoln redevelop the downtown area of Lincoln, we should be doing it, too.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, I can't answer for that because the City Council in this city doesn't ask our opinion on the way they construct things.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Fine.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis. We are