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SENATOR RICHENDIFER: All right. When the Legislative Branch set up telecommunications, there was quite an overlap between the telecommunications and the private lenders, so it was very difficult for them to pinpoint who owed what and where. Now they have been trying to work this out but it is a very difficult process and I'll reiterate, this Legislative body set up telecommunications in the first place and I think you will have to give the DAS credit for trying to get this worked out, this big deficit.

SENATOR CLARK: Well, I am sure that you are the spokesman for the Governor, so I would like to ask you a few questions on it, if you could answer these particular questions for me. Do you know how much they are billing today on Phase I telecommunications.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: I didn't ask. I am sure they would have told me if I would have asked.

SENATOR CLARK: Well, let me inform you then, if it will help any. They are billing \$28,000. How much are they collecting? Do you know that?

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: I would have no idea. I never asked.

SENATOR CLARK: They are \$5,000 short a month and that's assuming, as they do here, that everything else is collectible, which it is not.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Now, evidently, you have the information that you wanted so the fact that DAS isn't operating, isn't giving the information, it seems that you have quite a lot of information for someone that gets none.

SENATOR CLARK: I asked specific information on the budget. How can we set up budget or how can we recommend anything if we can't get specific information as to how they justify paying off a \$150,000 debt with \$47,000.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Well, would it be possible, Senator, that you weren't asking for the right information.

SENATOR CLARK: I didn't get the information I asked for, whether it was right or wrong. I am sorry that someone has to inform us that doesn't have the information.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the motion? Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to speak in favor of the override of the veto on LB 452. The Governor stated in his brief veto message that this bill was and I will quote, " a serious attempt at legislative invasion of the Executive, an erosion of traditional separation of powers", end quote. Now, this is simply not accurate. It's not accurate historically or otherwise. It ignores the fact that our form of constitutional government in Nebraska includes in the Executive in addition to the Governor, the other Constitutional officers, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer, the Auditor, the very people we're talking about under LB 452. It also ignores the fact that for most all of Nebraska history prior to the establishment of the DAS, the Auditor's office or another constitutional office performs the services, the kind of services we're talking about here and no one, at least

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