

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR SKARDA: It seems rather unusual to me to take an approach and concern ourselves to meetings and everything else were taking a back door approach on this. I am concerned about it not so much about the public hearing but my thinking is that due notice should be served to the people and I think that the people and the public should be aware of what is going on. I mean I think that is one of the greatest problems that the government has today and we are getting ourselves right back in a box again if we do pass this type of legislation.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I have a question of the committee or Senator Goodrich. Who are the two people who appeared in favor of the bill, Senator Goodrich?

SENATOR GOODRICH: The fair city of Omaha and the University.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I'm not sure that we all understand the bill is so simple I guess that we can't understand it. I have apprehensions of...as has been expressed by Senator Skarda that anything that deals with the public or anything dealing with the laws of the power of eminent domain, I consider pretty sacret. If it is weakened in anyway, shape or form, I do not think that it should be weakened. If this would... if the public knows in this case that notice would serve no other purpose than to make the public aware of the fact that the university or whoever it might be were acquiring this property then to me it would serve a purpose even though it took a little bit of time. I think that we should be very wary of this legislation.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, due to the fact that there are a obviously is a lack of understanding there is also a lack of being assured that everyone has the committee report and that sort of thing, I'm going to request that this bill be laid over for one week so that we can get the information to these gentlemen and answer their questions.

PRESIDENT: The request is to lay the bill over for a week. Now several people have asked to speak now, does that..... close things out here?

SENATOR GOODRICH: If anyone has any questions about the bill please feel free to contact me and I would be glad to get the answer or answers to their questions.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh, did you want to be heard on the issue here, he has asked to lay the bill over.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I think that it might be beneficial to ask the question now, for the benefit of the body, if Senator Goodrich doesn't mind answering it. Senator Goodrich 25-2504 which is a section which preceeds the section that you seek to amend relates to the hearing which would not be required here, and it states in there in the second paragraph that at the hearing the agency shall explain the nature of the necessity for the project for which it seeks to acquire property and the reasons for selecting the particular location and the route and the right of each owner of the property to be represented by an attorney. Now it seems to me that if we probably should not exempt that from a public hearing at all because regardless