

CLERK: Mr. President, 420 was a bill that was introduced by the Government Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was originally read on January 18, referred to Miscellaneous Subjects for hearing. It was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, it was referred to the Government Committee. I assume Senator Warner is going to handle this.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, the reason this bill was included with the appropriation package, it was an issue, but the bill authorized the sale of a facility located in Omaha that was built in the 1950s, originally used by the State Patrol, more recently it was a driver examination facility which is no longer to be used. It has been moved. There is no use for it by any other state agency, at least DAS indicated that was the case. So the proposal was that the facility should be authorized to be sold. That is what the bill does. In turn the money from the sale would be placed in DAS cash fund which was established some years ago. It is a fund that is used for miscellaneous renovation of the State Capitol Building. The other sources for that fund are what profits might occur from the gift shop, from what income the state has from all business hours parking in the parking facility, those types of revenue go there. It was DAS' suggestion that it would be appropriate to use these funds as well. I think the anticipated sales price is in the vicinity of around \$130,000, depending on what an eventual purchaser may want to pay for it, but it is surplus. There is certainly a need within the funds for the various renovation of the facilities here...or the Capitol Building for the money.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, please, then Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. This bill was heard by the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. I know most of you aren't paying any attention to this, but I think Senator Warner in particular ought to pay attention, since he is the money maker for the state. But in the committee hearing they said, and in the fiscal note you notice they are saying the building can be sold for \$130,000. I'll buy it tomorrow for \$130,000. I'll buy it right now for \$130,000. Now they mentioned in the committee hearing that that was kind of a guesstimate. I mean, they had some kind