

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the amendment. This amendment was suggested by the County Attorney's office in Douglas County. The amendment authorizes the county board to sell or lease the annex to the state for the use of the Veterans' Home at less than fair market value. Again, I urge you to vote for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there any further discussion on the Fitzgerald amendment found on page 510 of the Journal? All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on the Fitzgerald amendment to LB 184. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Fitzgerald's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. Is there another amendment?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I have two. The first amendment by Senator Wesely: (Read Wesely amendment as found on page 537 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, Act II, but I would like to offer to you two amendments. This is the first of the two that I think deal very specifically with some concerns I have with this legislation, that I think would help the legislation and would not cripple it at all but rather insure that the state of Nebraska is protected and that our tax dollars are spent wisely. This amendment, the first of two, as I mentioned, would deal with the question of the boiler house which is part of the proposed lease arrangement. The boiler house would provide utility service to the annex and I think it is going to be a very costly venture because there is a potential need to replace a boiler there that would be very expensive, but at the same time it appears that is going to be part of this lease arrangement and at the present time that boiler house serves many other Douglas County facilities, so the thought is if the state takes over the boiler house and then serves other Douglas County facilities with the utilities that that boiler house produces as well as their own services within the annex for the Veterans' Home, that the State of Nebraska should be fairly compensated for those services. So this amendment would just insure that the State of Nebraska would receive that just compensation. It does not mean that