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SENATOR WESELY: It is my amendment.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Was it out of your own....this is your amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: All I did was read all the press clippings that Douglas County is offering the state at a \$1.00 a year lease...

SENATOR VENDITTE: Are you....by the way, are you an attorney, by the way, Senator?

SENATOR WESELY: No, I am not.

SENATOR VENDITTE: I think with that, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would see fit that maybe we ought to stick with the Attorney General's office and the opinion as was submitted by the Attorney General and leave the bill intact as it is.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak, your light is on. Do you wish to be recognized? Senator Wesely, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, you know we spend a lot of time down here talking about lawyers and how they seem to come in with their expertise and bowl over us, and this is the first time I have seen an instance on the floor where not being a lawyer was a disadvantage, and so I am real concerned about this piece of legislation as you know from the previous discussion. Let me answer a couple of things. First off, this does not, I think, have any problem with what has already been talked about with the Attorney General's office and the present arrangements concerning this bill. I don't think it affects it in any negative way because we have been talking about a \$1.00 a year lease. That is what we have been talking about, that is what has been arranged, that is the situation we are in. So if that is what we are talking about then let's put it in the law. Let's talk about making as part of this legislation what we have talked about generally in public and in the papers. Let's do what we say we are going to do. Now the question about renegotiation as Senator Goodrich talked about, let me point out to Senator Goodrich and all of you the reason that last sentence is in there and I hope that a copy has been distributed to you on your desk of this amendment...it should be in front of you. The last sentence says, such lease may be renegotiated annually but shall not exceed a dollar a year lease payment. The reason that is in there is that the State of Nebraska cannot ever for