

a rehabilitation program. Neither Senator Newell or Senator Goodrich or Senator Vard Johnson can point to a single on-going rehabilitation program in Omaha right now which is worthy of the name. They have to always tell you if you do this then in the future Omaha is going to do better. Yeah, they messed up their finances, but give them this tax and they will do better. Yeah, they are messing up this rehabilitation program but give them another chance and they will do better and it is always in the future and always just around the corner, just over the hill at the end of the rainbow. Well I live in a district which has been victimized by a lot of these Omaha bunglings and I'm opposed to this bill, I'm opposed to Senator's Johnson, Newell, Goodrich putting the City of Omaha in a position to use their powers of eminent domain to take property from people who don't want to see it, saying that they are going to redevelop that area. For whom? Not the people who have been removed. This tactic was used to take the homes of some people so that Boys Town could build a school. The area had been declared blighted by the city. It was one of those areas entitled to federal rehab money but because Boys Town wanted to get it, the city marked that area off and said the people who lived right in these blocks can not get that rehab money. That meant their housing fell even further below standard, they could not get loans to upgrade it so they were forced to move and Boys Town is now building. It is in the middle of a black community. We were told about the jobs, the uplift it would bring to the community and I drove past it just the other day because they are right in the middle of construction. I want Senator Johnson to loan me his eye glasses because I didn't see a black person working on the job. Again, I'm sure they will tell me, Well Ernie, the next project we will do better. They told us when the 17 million dollars of block grant money went into downtown Omaha instead of the communities where it should have gone that we would have black people working. There were no black people on those jobs downtown. So, what is the next project? The North Freeway. There will be some working there. It is always the next time. I wish that there were some way that I could open you all's minds so you would think about this issue and see it for what it really is. But, remember, the rehab program that they have right now is sticking it to poor people. The lady whose case that I gave you, Mrs. Johnson, got a \$4,500 loan on a house that might be worth \$8,000. When the interest or the finance charges are added to it the total cost will be over \$32,000. She had to mortgage her home. Now she is not going to be able to pay off that amount of money. The city has the paper. It is another way for them to take the property. So before you