

have DED located in those sites could then take that \$235,000 or roughly a little over \$57,000 per office and give them something other than an office, telephone, a car, and not enough money to really operate and do anything of any consequence. But by tying in with these other resources, they could be of consequence, and to direct those offices into those specific locations I think would enhance the projects, would allow the Nebraska Business Development Centers, who quite often, probably 75 percent of the time, ends up having to communicate with DED and to have that professional there handy would enhance the project. To have those offices located in a situation where they are 30 miles away, or 40 or 50 miles away from these Nebraska Business Development Centers simply will create another bureaucratic level that those offices will go through in order to work their way ultimately back to Lincoln. So I offered this amendment on General File. It was rejected at that time and so, therefore, I will withdraw it at this time.

PRESIDENT: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senators Labeledz and Haberman.

PRESIDENT: Which one of you are going to handle this? Both of you. Which one first? Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I just contacted the Attorney General's Office because I wrote for an opinion sometime ago as to whether it was constitutional to spend state money on a private enterprise, and the Constitution forbids using state tax dollars to purchase or to promote or to repair or whatever an item or a building that does not belong to the state. Now we are talking about a \$50,000 expenditure in the appropriations bill which says it will be to maintain and to repair Joslyn Castle. Joslyn Castle is a building that at the present time is owned by the school board in Omaha and the school Board in Omaha is going to sell the building and move their offices. In a few minutes, we are going to pass around to you a copy of the bids that were received by the school board of Omaha for the purchase of this building. The highest bid was \$300,000 of somebody who wishes to purchase this building. Well, it seems to me that the school board would look awfully foolish if they refuse a \$300,000 bid and said, no, we are going to put this on hold and wait and see what the State of Nebraska does as to whether they want to study and maintain this building