

sell a piece of land we come individually and had a bill separately. There are so many and you received a copy of everything that's available in Lincoln. There are so many buildings and land sitting out there right now and by time...we're losing time because, in essence, we have missed selling some land now so this gives us a chance to go ahead and sell it without coming in with an individual bill. If you've got a piece of...tract of land or building in your district, there's a number of them in Lincoln right now, and there is an interest in some of the land and buildings in Lincoln right now to be purchased because of this bill and the fact that we sent it out, gave it to each one of you senators and also sent copies to the City of Lincoln and to the Chamber. So this gives Administrative Services and 309 and if it happens to be the Department of Public Institutions, those three to decide that it's no longer in use and we can go ahead and sign them...sell them.

SENATOR WESELY: I know we had a bill recently on vacant buildings and is...now in a vacant building, do they have to come to us to get authorization legislatively to act or can they do that now independently of the Legislature?

SENATOR PETERSON: Yes, if we don't change that, they would have to come to us individually, is my understanding, to sell any piece of...a building or a piece of land. I have already done that in several instances up in my area...

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah.

SENATOR PETERSON: ...with a separate bill. But, with this, it gives them a chance to sell it and if you have any problems with the bill, and I have talked to a number of people...it was discussed in the Government Committee, if we need to change it next year. But we need this bill because right here in Lincoln right now you've got some people interested in purchasing some land and buildings. And if you're dissatisfied with it, we can work out changing it next year but we absolutely need this bill in Lincoln and Norfolk and several areas because there is an interest in these buildings.

SENATOR WESELY: I appreciate that, Senator Peterson. I guess I'm very protective of the legislative branch and of this body and the desire to have an accountability to the public on these issues. I have carried, as Senator Peterson has and others,