

don't know what, of this particular legislation. There are at least 11 states that live around us that came together over a three-year period. I never went to the out-of-state meetings. Ralph Newell and our 309 Committee and others, the state architects, the state engineers, not just in those participating agencies but even in the nonparticipating agencies, like the state university system, participated with us. What we're trying to do...no more people are going to...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...be hired. No more people are going to be hired. We're going to redefine how we manage this system. We're going to redefine how we charge rents. We want to take a look at whether or not, as we develop those rents, it's adequate and fair; if it's leased, it's not more than we should pay, in a sense, take the politics out of it. I want to turn my light back on because I think some of you are screwing this up with maybe an experience we had at DAS with SOS, and it has nothing to do with that at all, has nothing to do with Maximus at all. And I will put my light back on. This is Ken Fougerson. He's a professional that knows how to administer, that I have confidence in, to manage this kind of a responsibility, who happens to work in DAS but that's where it ought to be. There has to be a central responsible agency. I will turn my light back on. It won't take me more than a few minutes to explain the rest of it, I have to say...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Would like to recognize some guests of the Legislature. In the north balcony, we have 35 fourth graders from Brownell Talbot School in Omaha, guests of Senator Brown, and their sponsors. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I just wanted to mention one thing. When Senator Jensen was speaking he mentioned a number of agencies. The reason those agencies are mentioned is that they do not receive any money from the 309 Committee. That's the reason they're excluded. Now the...actually, this bill puts more responsibility on the 3...there's more oversight with the 309 Committee than there was before. So, actually, there's legislative oversight in this bill that we previously did not have, and I think that's very essential. So those are the only comments I had. Thank you.