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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Well, that would be like your Grand Generation Center, your senior senators (sic--centers) in various communities throughout the state.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Now are there...are they funded in any way by the county or a city?

SENATOR AGUILAR: In most cases, the counties and the cities own the buildings that they're located in. That was the purpose of choosing them, is they already have a building, they already have an infrastructure. That's why we chose them. We didn't want to expose any of this funding to have to go to infrastructure. We want it to go directly to the seniors.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right, so...and...and that...that is a concern of mine if we went to the city and the county with it, how much of the money might be taken up in administrative costs and so on and so forth, whether it...but if it went directly to a service organization there wouldn't be as much problem of having it...having some of those funds going in the wrong areas of having someone sitting there making a pretty good salary administering this. I...I...like I said, I think it's great. I mean we need to do something to hold down the costs on our...on our care centers and nursing homes; that it's a...it's a big item and it's going to get bigger as we go along now and, you know, when I was a young man, why, at 60 years old you were...you were considered old. I mean now, for heaven's sake, I bet the average age of those people in these facilities is 85-90 years old, and it's going to get...it's going to get...get higher. It's a good idea, but would you have a...Senator Aguilar, would you have a problem if we took cities, counties and agencies of the state out of this bill?

SENATOR AGUILAR: As I stated earlier, that...I would have a problem with that because I would have a fear that, for instance, the Grand Generation Center in Grand Island, the building itself is owned by the city, that would eliminate them from being a possible recipient of the grant money.