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SENATOR JENSEN:      Many are on the 309 roster. Their...the HHS funds primarily come now from 309 on maintenance of the buildings.

SENATOR TYSON:      Okay. I know that two of those buildings have been sold and renovated over a five- or six-year period, seven-year period. Would you agree with me that the unoccupied buildings next to the current building are probably best left alone, whatever the instance?

SENATOR JENSEN:      I think most of them should be torn down that aren't being used, unless it can be renovated and put to a use.

SENATOR TYSON:      Okay. Well, you know, I'm not getting along very well with Senator Wehrbein and he won't give me any money. Those are very expensive. The point that I would make, ladies and gentlemen,...thank you, Senator Jensen. The point that I would make is until times gets better I think we ought to leave at least those buildings alone and look to the buildings that are actively being used. I have...I know nothing of Hastings. I've been there once. Matter of fact, I was there once with Senator Jensen, and I have been once to Lincoln.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    One minute.

SENATOR TYSON:      I would point out though that when someone has a mental illness, the first thing that has to be done is he needs to be taken, sometimes against his will. If he's a threat to himself or to someone else that's what EPC is for. He needs to be admitted to some place, let's not say regional center, some place. He needs to be diagnosed. He needs to be medicated and he needs to be educated as to his condition and what he can do to lead a normal life. Somewhere in the state, and I don't know where it's going to be, we need to have such a facility. And before any of these meetings and plans are projected, we should leave things alone, as they are, until they're done. If they're done in the next...in the short...

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Time.

SENATOR TYSON:      ...session, that's fine. But I would urge you