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SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Lieutenant Governor and members of the body. I would like to ask Senator Johnson a question or two.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Johnson, would you yield?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Senator Johnson, who is the present owner, or the prior owner of this ground? And how is the valuation figured, as far as county taxes? Is there going to be any changing in the valuation of it, as far as taxation of the county is concerned?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Well, I...it's now owned by Health and Human Services, a state agency. And the...it will now be owned by another state agency, University of Nebraska at Kearney. There is the lease agreement that we referred to. I believe that the lease goes till February of next year. So this couldn't possibly go into effect before that. But be my guess that there would be no change. But I'd have to look that up for you, sir.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: The thing that does concern me, Senator Johnson, is that, you know, I don't know where they use their base valuation, but if the valuation on that property, which I had just heard in the conversation, you know, it is generating \$33,000, I'm concerned, you know, is that income-generating property being taxed fairly in comparison to with the neighbor's ground that is being farmed just right across the fence? That's a concern that I have. And I may not have an issue with it, but I just thought I would bring this up. Sometimes, you know, that ground isn't being taxed, yet it is an income-generating property.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I'll be happy to look that up for you and get the answer to you. One of the other concerns here is that the state Roads Department is considering, when they put a new four-lane extension of Highway 30 going west out of Kearney, that that four-lane road may use part of this ground as well. So that's why we put it in as the net agricultural benefit.