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land now?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't know that for sure, in the sense that I don't know whether they could stretch and manipulate their budget in some way that would afford them the opportunity to do it. But they don't think that's the best way to do it, or the fairest way to do it, in terms of taxpayers accepting the burden of this over time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a city wants to purchase something or construct something, the city can float a bond issue, if they can get the public to vote for it, can't they?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would this piece of property be of such magnitude and of such a high cost that if installment...if an installment contract were not possible Lincoln would have to float a bond issue to purchase it?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, there's a...I think there's a...I think the reason that all the cities have this power already, Senator, is that there's a level of property that's between the very small, which can readily be purchased out of one year's budget, and those that are large and will always be done with bond issues. There's an in-between size that really doesn't justify the expense of a bond issue, but is really a little bit too much to take out of one year's budget.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And this would be one of those "tweeners," so to speak.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would the owner of the property, and I don't want to get into any of the negotiations, so if I'm...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I don't know much about the negotiations anyway, so...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay, then I'll just ask the questions.