

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I wanted to briefly explain the committee's action. As Senator George indicated he did appear before the committee and present the proposal. The action that the committee took...It was brought up by those who had served before that some two or three years ago there had been funds appropriated, at that time to the ETV Commission, I believe it was in the amount of \$25,000, which at least was the general concept I think as presented here by Senator George to be accomplished through his amendment. That money has continued to be in their continuation budget. So there was language that was added to the intent bill that was put on the other day that doesn't really do the same thing Senator George is proposing. But it was intended, at least, that it should, that there would be recording of this kind of historical information, and it could be preserved for the future generations. It was the committee's feeling that there was sufficient direction in that intent language to the ETV Commission to work with the University to bring this about. That was the reason we took the action we did.

PRESIDENT: Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: I move for the question.

PRESIDENT: There are no further lights on. Senator George, would you close.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you Mr. President, and members. Just to briefly answer some questions that were raised on the floor. What Senator Kahle mentioned, I wish that the local historical societies would have the professional help to do this kind of collection. Unfortunately, they're not capable of doing that. If they could do it, I certainly wouldn't have offered this amendment. Again, what Senator Warner mentioned, the possibility through the ETV Commission, those \$25,000 are used up by programming the programs, I'm sure you have seen some of them, for the Grand Generation. There is no money there. That was just a mistaken idea that it could be taken care of by the ETV Commission. It cannot be done. Again, I would like to remind you of one fact. It should have been done ten or twenty years ago. The age group of people, where we can still collect in order to establish a history of the State of Nebraska for future generations, this age group is now ranging from 70 years to 100 years. We cannot possibly extend this to next year because we say we don't have the money for it. The initial request by the University was a separate bill containing \$65,000. I have looked this over and I've cut it down as much as possible. It has \$19,000 for the first year to pay one faculty member half-time. It has \$6,000 for two student assistants, and \$4,000 for travel, supplies and equipment. There is nothing lavish about that. That is what was left of the original \$65,000 request. As I mentioned before, it self-destructs by 1983. If you really mean it that we should, as the State of Nebraska, have a good history collection for future generations, this is the last time that you can really do it. I urge you to adopt this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.
Senator George.