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opposed to what you are doing at all as long as you are doing it and you say you want to continue doing it on your own. I still don't get the idea of what the bill is for.

SENATOR COPE: Well, be designated as the Center for Nebraska Art.

SENATOR NICHOL: Well but some of us have art centers that we think are pretty good too.

SENATOR COPE: That is good and it is not going to preclude anyone from acquiring Nebraska art or any art but we would be designated as that center.

SENATOR NICHOL: Do you anticipate you will be getting funding next year for the transportation of art in various parts of the state for display purposes or for selling purposes?

SENATOR COPE: We would hope so. Also...

SENATOR NICHOL: Is that the gist of this bill?

SENATOR COPE: Not necessarily, but I would hope that this would help in acquiring grants, would be another factor of it.

SENATOR NICHOL: Are you talking about state grants or federal grants?

SENATOR COPE: I am talking about federal grants and private contributions, both, but there will no state tax dollars.

SENATOR NICHOL: Well if the purpose of the bill is to get money later on why don't we say it and get it out in the open or if you don't intend to, then say that.

SENATOR COPE: We don't intend to ask for state tax dollars, absolutely.

SENATOR NICHOL: This year or next year or anytime?

SENATOR COPE: Next year, ten years from now, no.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, do you wish to be recognized on the bill?