

and Engineering Building. That has not as yet been done, but included this year though is that renovation for the Ag Engineering which is an extremely sound building and it will primarily be used for office and class room space and all the facilities that were in there that were related to tractor test lab including the motor lab and welding that sort of stuff is all going to be moved over to that tractor test lab building.

SENATOR SCHMIT: There is another interesting item on the bottom of page 80, it looks like a CETA item, land acquisition for UNO \$400,000. I must have missed what that is for. Can you explain that to me please?

SENATOR WARNER: Included with the university request was land acquisition which would, to the west of the UNO campus, there is currently some of that, well as you will perhaps recall there has been discussion about acquisition property there. Apparently there are some property owners in the area that are now willing to sell, the land is available and it is probably appropriate that it be acquired while there is no...not necessarily immediate use, I suppose in terms of the next year or so the fact that the land is available at this time, the authorization is for the Board of Regents to acquire those properties while they are willing to sell, and assuming an acceptable price.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Then my last question relative to the State Historical Society Building, the renovation of the former Elks Building, apparently we have a \$1,500,000 total program for that project. Is that going to be sufficient and what will it do for us?

SENATOR WARNER: Well included within that million is a variety of items, as I recall, there is some roof work, there is some mechanical work that is required but then it will be the complete renovation of the building to set it up for the museum purposes including some of the display cases, this type of thing that is necessary. Also, I believe that they will enclose, if you recall the Elks Building has an open entrance on the...a drive through entrance on the east side of the building and this will enclose that which will add to the first floor space as an attractive display area. There is not included in this any funds to acquire parking.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you very much, Senator. I think that I would just like to add a couple of comments. I think that you can be assured, ladies and gentlemen of the Legislature, that in some time in the future we are going to have to acquire parking if we are going to make maximum use of that