

SENATOR WESELY: I will get that for you.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the amendment. Going back to 1982, I was pleased that Senator Wesely asked me and Senator Rummery to sign on with the bill to renovate Morrill Hall. I just can't imagine that we would want to wait any longer to restore the hall because...and do something about the condition that causes the artifacts to deteriorate. Those are priceless. There is probably no other building in the State of Nebraska that, if we let it deteriorate, that can't be replaced. Those things cannot be replaced, they are priceless. I certainly am pleased that maybe we will start doing something about it. I would like to respond just a little bit to Senator Haberman about the charges. After a person has been through the, or if he is in there viewing the artifacts, yes, he would say it was worth an admission fee. But I'm afraid an admission fee would discourage those who have never been there, there would be a lot of people decide, well, we're not going to stop there, they are going to charge us a dollar and it probably would be a good show, but we'll be less apt to go there. And, also the thousands and thousands of school children that we have...that see those artifacts every year, every spring we have hundreds and hundreds of school children. I don't know how many will be stopping there in a day, but I'm sure there will be a lot of them. And this has been going on for years. I've taken classes up there, well I hate to tell you how many years ago it was when I took the first class up there. But I think it would be a mistake to charge those school children. I don't know, maybe a charge for adults. But I would...I'm afraid that we would lose...a lot of the visitors would simply not go there if there was an admission fee there. After they are there, yes, I'm sure they would agree that it was probably worth it. I guess I wouldn't object too much to the adults, but I would object to charging the school children that tour the Morrill Hall every year. I'm very happy to see that maybe we can get something done on this order. In regard to Kearney's activity building, I haven't been on Kearney State's campus for several years, but I know the phenomenal growth they've had there, and I've heard of the crowding, and I know a little bit about what I've read about the situation and I