

\$4 million appropriation for Morrill Hall. If concerns expressed were true indeed, I think there is a better way to approach it. Killing the bill only stops completely all those projects, so first off, I would object to the approach taken. I think, you know, maybe there is a legitimate concern. I don't see any other alternative. The bill as introduced called for this funding mechanism and didn't call for the other projects. But the Appropriations Committee worked on this. I respect their judgment. They saw the need in these other projects. They found this is the only funding mechanism we can use. We've used it twice before just recently. It has worked well. There hasn't been a problem. It seems wise indeed at this point to proceed with the plan as proposed by the Appropriations Committee. Now Senator Hall mentioned, and others have mentioned something about a fee. We're doing more checking on that but again I emphasize, from the preliminary reports it has indicated that no museum associated with the university in this country charges a fee to get into it. It is just not what is done. Now outside museums charge fees from time to time, but a university affiliated museum is an institution of education and as we know, as I said, something like 90 percent of the visitors to Morrill Hall are estimated to be children, kids, school kids, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, et cetera, et cetera. It is an educational resource for the whole state and we want to make that available. If you charge a fee it would be like charging a fee to go to a library and you don't want to do that. You want people to come in to learn, to experience and to grow and develop and I think in my estimation it would be a mistake to do that. Now, I at first thought it sounded worth looking at and the more I find about it, the less I like it, but certainly will get some more information about it. Even if we did have a fee it is estimated we might possibly earn \$50,000 and I don't know how much it would cost to get the guards and all the other stuff associated with it, I don't know how much we would net on it, but it won't do anything to raise enough money for the renovation project. It might help a little bit with operations, so in my estimation the fee issue is not something worth pursuing at this time. Now what the issue is before us is, do we kill the bill or not, and I would urge all of you to oppose the kill motion and to quickly advance the bill and move forward with this important project as well as the other projects included with the bill. And I'd like to give the rest of my time to Senator Smith who has asked for some time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, you have two and a half minutes.