

whether or not they would have to pay sales tax on anything that they use in the Henry Doorly Zoo. When I worked for the Department of Revenue I thought I could recall that the Henry Doorly Zoo was exempt from paying the sales tax on any of their purchases. I would also like to add and, of course, we don't charge admission, but any church that buys a painting or a statue and puts it on display in the church, there certainly is not any sales tax due on the purchase and Senator Chambers mentioned the fact, he said, do you charge admission, and I said, no, but we certainly pass around the basket and hopefully that you will contribute and help us pay for the purchase of that painting or that statue. So I strongly oppose Senator Haberman's motion to IPP LB 705 and I strongly support the advancement of LB 705. I've taken my children and groups from our school, our private schools to the Joslyn at different times. I don't know what their position is now, but I can assure you that our group was not charged admission. We took the school children in there free of charge and we had to have supervision, so many parents to the group and we were not charged any admission at that time. Even if we were, we've got to remember that the Joslyn museum has to have 24-hour security because of the value of the paintings. There is a great overhead and they certainly are not in the position of paying \$4 million for a group of paintings, so I believe that giving them a break on the purchase on this one-time sales tax on over \$4 million, everyone knows it is getting more and more difficult to receive contributions especially in Douglas County. I don't know how it is throughout the rest of the state, but we have so many different organizations that are asking for contributions and it is getting to the point where it is very difficult. Two hundred thousand sounds like a lot of money and it is, definitely, when you're trying to raise 200,000 plus the \$4 million to pay for the paintings. I urge you to reject this motion by Senator Haberman and let's advance LB 705. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Further discussion, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Labeledz a...oh, I will ask Senator Lindsay a question. Is he back there, I can't see?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: He would like to have Senator Labeledz get off