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started. There's been a lot of activity, even the last five years. The books have helped this. We have an internationally known professor at Nebraska, Gary Moulton, who is well known for research on Lewis and Clark. This creates a commission and will...to promote this, to collect cash funds. It's got a modest amount of money in it. It's to sunset 2007, but it's got a little seed money in it. The idea will be that this commission will raise funds to promote different celebrations as the ideas come to them. I thought I'd go over very, very quickly here the many sites in Nebraska that Lewis and Clark stopped. It's about 18, starting at the mouth of the Nemaha River, Indian Cave State Park, Brownville. They stopped at the mouth of the Platte River, Plattsmouth, if you will; Gene Leahy Mall in Heartland of American (sic--America) Park in Omaha, they camped there, near here...near there on July 28, 1804; on to Fort Atkinson State Historical Park; Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge in that area near Blair; north of Omaha at Blackbird Hill; Cottonwood Cove Park in Dakota City; the Nebraska bluffs on August 22, 1804; near Ponca State Park also on August...near August 22nd where Sergeant Floyd died; Goat Island; Volcano Hill in August 24, 1804. There's a Lewis and Clark Visitor Center now near Yankton, and at the Fort in...near Lewis and Clark Lake about nine miles north of Crofton; the narrow of the Niobrara River and the prairie dogs and tower that they saw, tower, and that's 4.6 miles north of Spencer on U.S. 281. So Nebraska has a lot of history and actually there's a lot on the Iowa side also. There's a lot of activities that are going to be joint Iowa and Nebraska activities. So this is an effort to recognize this expedition that will be coming here and to have maximum education and understanding of this important expedition in our history. This creates that commission. As I said, it sunsets 2007 and I will let...I'm...be ready for the committee amendments at this time.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Schimek, on the committee amendments.

**SENATOR SCHIMEK:** Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Before I actually explain the committee amendments, I'd just like to say a word or two about the bill and say that I think it's pretty exciting and I hope that we can do cooperative efforts with some of the other states, Senator Wehrbein. The