

facilities. There is funds, \$392,000 for the improvement of the youth complex, the state fair area which is the old building built during the PWA days. There is the necessary funds for the renovation of the Elks Building that we authorized the purchase last time in the amount of a million and a half over a two year period. Some final funds for the match by 50% match with federal funds for the completion of the restoration of the Ferguson Mansion over here north...south east of the facility. There is \$750,000 total over a three year period for a variety of miscellaneous renovation improvements of the State Capitol Building as well as the Craft State Office Building appropriated to the DAS. There is also appropriated DAS \$150,000 this year for the continued renovation and remodelling of Capitol space that is used by the Legislature and then the final there was a total of 6 million appropriated for LB 309 task force which is the deferred preventative maintenance as well as handicap access to a variety of state agencies. I move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, your light is on.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the legislature, it has been a good many years since the Carpenter days when we rambled through the budget bills with such a small amount of concern. Senator Warner has very expertly, I think he must have learned to fly a helicopter, he hovered over those...all of these capital construction projects with a finesse that I have not seen before in a long, long time. I would just like to ask a couple of questions about the acquiring of habitat land state wide. On page 78, Senator Warner, is that in conjunction with the stamp program or what is that for?

SENATOR WARNER: Pardon? Which one?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Page 76.

SENATOR WARNER: Oh, acquire the habitat land?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes.

SENATOR WARNER: That is the cash funds that...what was it LB.... I can't remember the bill number. It was four or five years ago in which the additional fee was attached to acquire.....

SENATOR SCHMIT: But those are cash funds, right?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, but it was to acquire habitat. A portion of that money is leases, as I recall, with individual land owners or some of it can be used for the habitat stamp, yes. Part of it can be used for the acquisition of land.....