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of life on this earth, and as I say, I am not one that believes that things just happen, but I think it is...I don't see how anyone can view those artifacts and not be moved by the story that it tells. And to let these artifacts deteriorate is something that I think would be unforgiveable down the road. We are asking for \$20,000 I believe, isn't that right, Senator Wesely...and for a study to be made to see what we can do with these artifacts, what has to be done with the building, with the environment that these artifacts are kept in. And I think this is money that we would...is well spent and if we don't act soon, we will be sorry some day that we haven't.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Wesely a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, will you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wesely, is Morrill Hall a museum in effect? Just what is it?

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, Morrill Hall, actually that is what we call the State Museum. It's the popular name but Morrill Hall is the hall that houses the elephants and the fossils in the Nebraska State Museum, and it is a museum.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, what all forms of life can be studied in that hall?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, you have got the fossils. You also have rocks and gems. You have wildlife scenes from Nebraska that is current.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How about plants?

SENATOR WESELY: Do you have plants, Fauna? Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And are there any human artifacts? Well, I guess all artifacts are human.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, we have...yes, I think so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, museums and historical repositories are very valuable. Senator Remmers said he doesn't think things just happen. I think what he means by that