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preserve what we already have. And as Senator Beutler has pointed out before, we should be able to find the money in this bare-bones budget to protect the Morrill Hall collection that we have. Did anybody catch that one? Yes, and Senator Schmit said we ought to preserve old fossils like him down there anyway, so we have all kinds of demand for this effort. We can kid about it and I know that there is a lot that we could talk about. T know Senator Fowler has got some comments as well, but let me just say this, that when we talk about Morrill Hall we are talking about a major attraction in this state, a jewel in our crown for the State of Nebraska, something we can all be proud of, and there is great support for the effort to try and take care of that hall. The questions about private support are legitimate. We have looked into private support. They tell us that because we have neglected Morrill Hall, we have let it fall apart, the paintings are cracking, the bones are cracking, that the collection we have is deteriorating, they cannot see where their efforts to provide private funding is going to be cared for by the state and they will not support further efforts in that direction, whereas they have in the past. So it is up to us, the members of the Legislature, to recognize the importance of Morrill Hall. We are asking only \$20,000 to identify exactly what we need to do and exactly how much money we are talking about, and that is what we need to find out before we can take the next step as to whether or not we want to spend that kind of money there. First we have to ask the question and look into the study so that we know what we are talking about and we haven't got that information yet and it is so important before we proceed with the issue. I ask your support for this amendment. Please support Morrill Hall.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Wesely amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Once more, have you all voted? Record the vote. Senator Wesely. A Call of the House has been requested. All those in favor of a Call of the House will vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The House is under Call. All unauthorized personnel will leave the floor and all Senators will take