SPEAKER BARRETT: Which may be the preferred course.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President, seeing as there is a lack of warm bodies on the floor, and I might have a hard time getting 30 votes, I don't think I'll challenge it at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. We are back to a discussion on the bill itself. Senator Chambers, would you care to discuss the bill followed by Senators Langford, Moore, Hall and Ashford?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, maybe Senator Haberman could have argued that his amendment was an artful amendment or he could have made it an amendment to exempt NRDs from sales tax when they purchase art. Maybe you could have done it that way, but nevertheless, I want to ask Senator Lindsay a question or two.   Senator Lindsay, who initiated the deal for the purchase of the Enron collection by the Joslyn Museum?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, the Enron collection had been displayed at Joslyn for I believe many years. When Enron left, whatever the...I think it was actually owned by a foundation. The foundation told Joslyn, we're down in Houston now, we don't want it up in Omaha, we don't want to be taking care of it in this particular manner. You either buy it or we're going to sell it to somebody else.   There were two collections valued at approximately $11 million. They chose to purchase the one for 4.5 million.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, can Joslyn, if they obtain this collection, sell it if they choose to?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I'm sure they can, yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that sale would be exempt from the sales tax also for whoever purchased or would it apply only when the Joslyn makes a purchase?

SENATOR LINDSAY: No, it's by...purchases by fine arts museums. When Joslyn sells...if Joslyn were to sell the collection, that would not apply unless...I mean they would still pay sales tax unless it was being purchased by a nonprofit fine arts museum.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The only reason I asked that is because when we look at the existing law on page 2, we're talking about what