

this acquisition is the Joslyn Art Museum rather than, for example, the University of Nebraska or some other state institution that might make such an acquisition. Quite frankly, we are in my opinion leveraging private funds to gain a substantial acquisition. If we were to...if the state were to make an acquisition like this it would cost us substantially more money than what the state is being asked to relinquish in this bill. It seems to me that we ought to, in fact, we ought to do more of it. It's an inexpensive way of enhancing our cultural heritage in Nebraska. It is much less expensive to do it this way than to expend General Funds. We have a golden opportunity in this instance to acquire this collection. Hopefully, other museums in other parts of the state will have, and I'm sure they have in the past and will in the future, have opportunities like this and hopefully they will, but I, again, I think that in lieu of it paying a substantial amount of state funds out for acquisitions like this, I think this is relatively a small price to pay for the state to participate in. For that reason that I have made this my priority bill and I certainly urge that the body reject the motion filed by Senator Haberman. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, on the IPP motion, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I have a question of Senator Lindsay.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay, would you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Lindsay, when you were speaking the last time you mentioned a museum some place else and said people may not be familiar with it. What was the name of that museum and where is it?

SENATOR LINDSAY: It's the Uffizi and it's in Italy. It's the one that hosts several of the Michaelangelos and the...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, but anyway, they're not asking for a sales tax exemption under this bill also, are they?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, Senator, I'd be happy to take that amendment if you want to add it on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Anyway, I'd like to ask you a couple