

with the emergency clause as it currently sits, would exempt the four payments that have yet to be made from that sales tax.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, Senator Hall, but the contract, those four payments are going to be made. We don't have a case of another bill good for Omaha a couple years ago, that if we didn't do this it was going to go away. It's not a case of that?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Moore, clearly, it is not. It's an issue of the purchase has been made. It is paid over five years. It's an issue where this is a method to keep donation dollars from basically being used for sales tax purposes.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, that question is answered. Now the second thing, Senator Lindsay in his opening presented a number of things that the Joslyn Art Museum does for the good of the state, statewide programs. Is this tax exemption needed to continue those programs?

SENATOR HALL: I think what it does is, without the tax exemption what you do is you have...you take \$200,000 of donations. You pay them to the state as opposed to using them for the types of programming that Senator Lindsay alluded to in his opening. So you cut \$200 (sic) out of the, basically, the Joslyn's budget.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, so you're talking about \$200,000. Now the one last question I have for you, Senator Hall, is, is if for some reason I had a choice between giving money to just the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha or putting a like amount of money in, let's say a statewide program like Nebraska Arts Council, would you have any advice on how I could best spend my money?

SENATOR HALL: Well, Senator Moore, the issue here is one of money that we have that we expend versus money that we don't have at present, and I guess as a member of the Appropriations Committee the spending issue would have to be a decision that you would make. As a member of the Revenue Committee I would clearly not have any trouble supporting LB 705, especially as a co-sponsor.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, that's what I wanted to make...I wanted to get a few of those things...that's all the questions I have of you, Senator Hall. I just wanted to make it clear so that everybody understands that we're...this bill, quite simply, is