

big enough so they could say they didn't want to go and I didn't make them go. So by the time the two older ones went to college, my youngest daughter, we were in London, and I said, oh, there is a marvelous portrait gallery, we will go this weekend. She says, no, I don't want to go, and I said, but, Tracy, you always want to go see the art with mother. Well, I don't want to go anymore because Jeanie and John are gone and there is nobody left to pay me. So now I hope there is somebody left to help pay for the art at Joslyn and that is our Legislature by exempting them from the tax. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Mr. Speaker and members, there has been a lot of talk this afternoon about whether or not the Legislature supports the arts, and I think Senator Crosby basically said it is not an issue of money, it is an issue of arts, and to some extent that is true. And I think Senator Hall or Senator Lindsay both made a good point. I think Nebraska is the only state that now taxes this type of purchase, but the fact of the matter is, that you can call it a pool or call it a pond, if you give the tax exemption on this end, you are going to have less money on the other end to the tune of about \$200,000, and that is a significant amount of money when you take into consideration that right now, this year, the State of Nebraska contributes over \$918,000 to the Nebraska Arts Council. The Arts Council is asking for double that money, and you will probably have a chance later in the session, either through an appropriation bill or through an amendment on the floor, to further support the arts in the State of Nebraska. I don't think this vote here today should be a litmus test on whether or not the members of this body support the arts. I think we have proven in the past we have done that. We will have a chance to do that again in the future, and I guess I just think it is important to understand that the amount of money we are talking about and the possibility of that money could be better spent across the state than one museum in Omaha I think has to be considered. And I guess that is all I have to say.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Are there five hands? There are. Those in favor of ceasing debate please vote