

aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Lindsay. Senator Hall, would you close?

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. Clearly, LB 705 is a policy decision the body has to make with regard to what should be taxed and what shouldn't. There has been adequate debate on the issue itself, but the question is one of do we tax the purchases of fine arts for nonprofit museums, and I guess Nebraska is the only state that currently does this. This provision in LB 705 would allow for that exemption to be in existence. Outside of the issue of the purchase that Joslyn is currently under, the fiscal impact on an annual basis over the last 10 years has been approximately \$14,000 a year. So it is not a heavy price that the state will pay once this one-time provision is out of the way, and I think that clearly the opportunity that was presented by the Enron Corporation to the Joslyn Museum was one that could not be passed up, but I think it is clearly in the best interest of the state on the long run to adopt this policy because it is not, in my thinking, good sense to take charitable dollars and spend them paying tax when those could be used to purchase additional works of art in the case of the Joslyn museum. With that, I would urge the body to advance LB 705, but I will give Senator Chambers a minute of closing because he is requesting it and I am interested to hear what he is going to say.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it is not often that my mind will be changed on the floor during the debate, but after listening to what everybody said, especially after talking to Senator Pirsch, believe it or not, I am persuaded that this is a vote that I am going to make in the affirmative. This is not going to happen often. Senator Pirsch, don't let it go to your head and I don't want anybody to think that you are seeing a conversion, or anything of that kind. It is this one instance, I listened to the discussion, my mind was changed.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, nothing else need be said. Thank you. And I would urge the adoption...advancement of the bill.