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SENATOR HALL: Senator...

SENATOR MOORE: ...the life of the next four years?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Moore, launch away.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, how much money are we...

SENATOR HALL: Approximately \$200,000.

SENATOR MOORE: Two hundred thousand over the next four years. Just to refresh your memory, this is the case of the Joslyn Art Museum bought a collection of art in the last 24 months, I am not sure of the actual time. They purchased the art at a cost of about \$4 million, I'm using some rough figures, purchased some art that cost around \$4 million, and after they purchased the art, they said, wait a second, \$4 million plus sales tax, that is kind of steep. You are talking about probably in the beginning about \$500,000 in sales tax on this piece of art, and they are saying, what we ought to do is, you know, I hate to sound like...I almost sound like Senator Chambers when I tell this story, because what we are going to do, we are members of the Joslyn Art Museum, we are the people that run Omaha, we are going to get the Legislature to go down there and exempt that sales tax, exempt that art purchase from sales tax. On General File I sat back and kind of raised some concerns and didn't vote no on it, but I just decided that I simply have to say something, and this is a bill that I just deep down in me I don't think is right. Because here is the Joslyn Art Museum that is coming back in and saying, ex post facto, we want the forgiveness of sales tax. We signed this contract a year or so back, we will agree to pay sales tax on what we have already paid, but from here on out, we want this sales tax forgiven and it cost \$400,000 over the life of it, and the last time we debated the bill on General File, a variety of senators got up and said if you are for the arts, you are for this bill. I guess I am not sitting here today and saying I am against the arts. I definitely am saying I am against this bill. I think you could spend \$400,000 in the arts and spend it in a manner that will spread it out across the State of Nebraska, and I realize Senator Lindsay and Senator Hall both mentioned in detail all the good things that Joslyn Art Museum did for the whole State of Nebraska. The fact of the matter is Joslyn sits