

consistent. I would hope then that if we decide that sustaining arts is not a priority in this state, then I am sure Senator Moore will move to get that appropriation stricken from the appropriations bill. I think we have to...if arts are to be a priority, let's make them a priority. I have got no problem with the Arts Council that Senator Moore has referred to. When it comes up, most likely I will be speaking in favor of it. I think those are the thrust of the arguments that they have reached to today. I would urge that the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Beck, followed by Senators Hall and Moore.

SENATOR BECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I just wanted to stand and support Senator Lindsay in this bill for Joslyn because it is not, as we heard last time when we discussed this, it is not just us and them, it is we. This belongs to all of Nebraska, and I did live in western Nebraska for over seven years, and I did come back every year, and every year I did, I came to see Joslyn, and I found out what we bought and what we paid for it, and I liked it. In fact, I liked it so much I stayed in Omaha close to it, so I just wanted to tell Senator Haberman that, maybe that would make him feel a little better. And anytime that he would like to come to Omaha, I would be happy to meet him at the Joslyn and we could go through it and have a cup of coffee later. So I would just support Senator Lindsay and ask the rest of you to do that, too.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore, next.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I guess after listening to Senator Lindsay and Senator Beck's comments, I mean, once again Senator Lindsay gets up and says, if you are for the arts, you are for this bill. Senator Lindsay, why don't you and I draft a resolution, we can pass for free and say we are pro-Joslyn? That would be a lot cheaper than doing this, and the fact of the matter is that here, once again, it is saying that if you are for the arts, you can buy this art that all of Nebraska can share. Well, the art has already been purchased. It has already been bought. The contract has already been signed and it is going to be paid for, but now the fact of the matter is that, boy, it would be a lot nicer if we didn't have to pay sales tax, it's after the fact, and I guess that is what burns me up, and I am not anti-Omaha, I am not anti-Joslyn Museum, I am not anti-arts, but as you can tell, I am definitely anti-LB 705, and that is all I have to say