

is Nebraska's celebration, that is why it's called Nebraskaland Days. The arena was built 17 years ago. Now, members of the body, I know this is going to be...this is talking about \$40,000, yes. So I understand we're talking substantially less than 50,000 so maybe that will go, \$40,000. In 1971 the arena was built. Since that time a major structural change, or painting, or sandblasting has not been done, has not been done. There are some major things that need to be done soon, or the repairs are going to be astronomical. Now it gets a little confusing. I know Senator Moore certainly was speaking to the fiscal analyst and other people trying to get some background on it. I'm sure trying to find some ways to argue this one as well, but I appreciated his not voting on the last one, however. One of the things that happened is that so much of ticket sales went to the Department of Economic Development. And the Department of Economic Development is, with this cash fund, going to do the maintenance of the grounds and what have you. As it's turned out the Department of Economic Development simply has no money, and has had no money, and I suspect will have no money to do major repair because of the nature of the maintenance that they are...that needs to be done with the cash fund as it was. I guess if that's too confusing, if the Department of Economic Development would use its cash fund now, the 19,000 some it has in its cash fund, it would not do the other things that must be done in order to make Nebraskaland Days celebration a success, it simply couldn't be done. One of the things that we were asking, and to let the body know how reasonable these people are, we should be asking for somewhere between 50 and 60 thousand dollars. We got one bid in the other day for sandblasting and painting, that's all we're talking about, some of the areas that are beginning to rust, we need to take care of those before the structure weakens. One of the bids came in, the bid came in for \$49,000, we think we can get a lower bid. And so we offered an amendment saying we only like \$40,000, we understand it may cost us more than that, but we are willing to put in the extra money that we need to in order to make and continue to make Nebraskaland Days celebration the success that it is. Again, without getting into much detail, the money is not there to do what needs to be done. We need to put the 40,000 in so it can be done. Senator Warner, one of the nice things about this particular thing is it's a one time expenditure, it's a one time expenditure, it's not ongoing. And I would urge the adoption of this particular amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Discussion. Senator Moore,