

be done. This is something that has been talked about for a long, long time. What they were unaware of was the procedure that we go through here. When they finally contacted me and said, we'd like to put this within the budget, the Appropriations Committee was well within the process already, it was too late to get it within the request. So we had to go to the amendment process. That is what the last minute was, not the decision that we needed sandblasting. In fact the bids were done earlier. Senator Moore made a particular interesting comment, he said, you know, I don't know if we should use Cash Funds, I don't know, maybe they should do it themselves. Senator Moore, the State of Nebraska is the landlord. We have areas of the arena that are beginning to rust that could be begin to weaken. Now, darn it, if the greenhouses can come in and say, you know, at the last minute we have some problems here, we need some money and they can get done, if we had a pharmacy building at the last minute, we think we may have made some mistakes, oh, let's don't study it anymore, but we need \$2.3 million to correct this thing, but I guess we're not a big enough voice out there, I guess we're not powerful enough. It just is beginning to get a little irritating. And I know what the process is, the Appropriations Committee gets their nine votes up there, let's go with the committee and that is it. Senator Moore committed a little heresy, possibly, by not voting on the last amendment, which I suspect he would dearly have loved to vote yes, but he didn't want to go against that peer pressure. We'll work with him on that. It's okay, Scotty. What we're asking for here is \$40,000 that the state is responsible, as the landlord, to do. And we should do it now. This is the beginning of the biennial. This is where we do our budgeting for the next two years. We have a one-time cost. I can see the arguments next year, the arguments next year, if I came back with this amendment would be something to the tune of, well, Senator, you probably should have brought that last year when we did the biennium. It's not within the biennium, therefore, you know, why don't you wait until the next year when we can get it in the whole thing. I can see that happening. People, there is \$40,000 there to do something that the State of Nebraska needs to do. Senator Moore, I'd like to explain a couple of other things to you. The Wild West Arena, and again, members of the body, this is a Nebraska...the State of Nebraska has a celebration. It's not a North Platte celebration, it's the State of Nebraska, and they happen to have it in North Platte. Okay. In that particular area, a long time ago, Game and Parks used to run it. And Game and Parks worked with the