

out there, the two skulls and the other skeleton are in storage in Nebraska Hall, along with a major display of marine life as well, which are fossil remains from the area, none of which will ever be displayed, unless we build a place in the State of Nebraska. So that is how the Trailside project came about. I started working with a young man out at Trailside who runs, essentially, field camp experiences out of Ft. Robinson. This is a key location, not only because of the fossil wealth, which I might add is internationally recognized, you can ask any geologist I'm told, in the world, where Orilla is, it's a little ghost town up north, and they'll tell you because of the fossil wealth that is found out there. We are also, as you will note on the map that I passed out yesterday, very close to the Black Hills of South Dakota. And this region is special, not only because of its fossil wealth, but because of the presence of what are known as five life zones, I'm not a biologist, but I'm told that it's very unusual, you don't find that just anywhere in the world. It's one of the things these field camps emphasize is the kind of outdoor education activities that you can do in a region that offers this much diversity in relatively few miles. So the proposal, the concept here actually is build first a suitable facility to display what are known as the "Fighting Titans" or the Columbian Mammoth's, and also this major collection of marine fossil life, and move what is currently in the Trailside, which is a very small portion of that, into an appropriate facility. The second thing would be a system of trails which again would extend this field camp experience and the nature trail kind of activity, culminating with a tower. From the site of that tower you should be able to see three and perhaps four states. Most of the major Indian wars have taken place in the area, a lot of the geological features, you're close to I believe the only wilderness area in this state, which will be dedicated later this month, incidentally. So it is truly a unique and special region. We are officially part of the Black Hills of South Dakota, so...at least in terms of geological terms. So we're saying we've got something special in Nebraska. It's a one-time opportunity to really do something to promote what kinds of things we have in Nebraska. The existing educational program out there is very fine. The existing facilities are pitiful. Beyond that I guess I'd point out we have a good number of foreign visitors that indicate interest in this area. So I see this as an opportunity to really put Nebraska on the map and to give us an attraction that everybody in the state can be proud of. I would call your attention to the kinds of support that this project has