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when they come here. I think it will just be another gem in the crown of the fossil treasures in our state. I sure urge your lack of support for the amendment to bring it out and total support for keeping it in. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please. Oh, Mr. Clerk, we have an amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend the Hartnett amendment by reinserting the language found on page 24, lines 13 through 19, through the word "development".

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. The amendment that I offered to Senator Hartnett's amendment would basically, if you'd open the bill to page 24, Section 38, it would allow for the first two sentences there, where we allow for the Board of Regents to...the authorization and the appropriation of the 98,000 from the State Building Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990, for the development of a program statement and the beginning of design development. So, in other words, it is an amendment that would allow for nearly \$100,000 to be allocated to study the proposal or the option with regard to the Trailside Museum, as Senator Scofield has explained it. What it would do then is strike the balance of the appropriation, which is the 320,000 for June of 1991, the 2.4 million for June of 1992, and the 1.28 million for June of 1993. I think that it would make very good sense for us to get the information back with regard to what the study tells us. I firmly believe that the proponents of this measure have brought it to the body in good faith. And I think that the arguments that they make are very valid in that there is probably a once in a lifetime opportunity with regard to some of these finds that are out there. I guess I would be more comfortable because even though there is reaffirmation necessary, oftentimes reaffirmation is nothing more than the rest of the leg getting through the door, once you have the foot there. And I have no problem appropriating the money to find out just what is necessary, what would be required with regard to a museum of this type, then having them come back and ask for the appropriation for the money, if it's deemed necessary. Maybe it would be something that would be able to be done for less money, maybe it's something that should possibly belong in Senator Dierks' district based on Ashfalls or whatever the name is of the site location that he has. But I think that