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things, it would be much more difficult to stop this project from continuing and I...just like I do with the protocol amendment and other things, maybe it's better off to not promise things, maybe say maybe...maybe say maybe to begin with would be better...a wiser choice on this one.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schimek is the next speaker but we have some guests coming in at this time in the north balcony. Senator Dierks has 44 fifth graders from Albion, Nebraska, from the Albion Public Schools and their teacher. You folks are mostly standing but will the rest of you who have been seated please stand up so we may welcome you. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, I really wasn't going to speak on this issue but I guess several of the things that have been said on the floor have led me to believe maybe we need to talk about it a little bit more. I have heard this project described as a frill and I guess I don't even have any objections if it's called a frill. You know, we need more than bread and butter in our lives. We need soul music too. We need to leave our children a better Nebraska and I think expenditures like the Trailside Museum would be that kind of expenditure. This is not a fly-by-night idea. It's had about 20 years worth of development. It is in an absolutely gorgeous part of the state with many, many resources. You have heard Sandy talk about them and she has done a very good job. I think it would be an investment in our future and I think that it would help promote the tourism from the South Dakota area, to drop down from the Black Hills area. I just think that sometimes we have to get past the absolute necessity philosophy and have a little vision for what a project like this would bring our state. I would urge you not to support the amendment to the amendment and not to support the amendment either. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, please.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I'll call the question.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. You're the last one, but thank you anyway. The question...Senator Hall, would you like to close on your amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, the