

Warner's comments about once you put the planning money in then it's only fair and right to follow through with construction. I remember yesterday at about this same time of day I was trying to say if you...unless you do some things differently that prison is automatically going to be built and Senator Hannibal and Senator Warner pointed out that the Legislature would have to approve it again. Well, you know, it doesn't happen that way. Just like the Trailside Museum, I think we basically, that action there a few minutes ago about a \$5 million museum out in Chadron and that's good, that's something that's good for the state. I can live with that. But this certain item here was put in by a floor amendment by Senator Vard Johnson last year, the planning money. And, as I said, this is \$11 million over the next two years. It's a project that's probably, once again as they all are, is necessary. For me, personally, given the fact that we basically decided to keep all the capital construction dollars in the budget, this is one I, personally, will be voting to support.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, followed by Senator Ashford.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, again I just want to say that most of these projects are desirable. I don't know that they're all affordable. I would just like to point out that I disagree with some of what Senator Ashford has said. I do not operate under the illusion that the Fine Arts Building in Omaha is going to contribute greatly to solve the drug problem in the City of Omaha for the innercity youth. Anyone who really believes that hasn't been around very long. My limited experience on that campus does not indicate a broad exposure of those kind of economically depressed youngsters into the Fine Arts system of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. I recognize and appreciate Senator Hannibal's efforts. I would suggest, Senator Hannibal, that if you do attempt to try to raise those funds, that the Department of...the College of Engineering oversee very carefully the construction of the project and that they don't try to build a seven to eight million dollar building for \$11.5 million and we wind up having to shore the damn thing up later on again. Senator Warner says if you put the planning money in, you have got to follow it up and that's the way it usually goes, but not always. And I just want to say again that we're sitting here today sort of what we call in "hog heaven" and wallowing in the lap of lots of money but I don't believe it's going to be there forever. And once you start these