

SENATOR LABEDZ: Mr. President, Senator Haberman mentioned where the money was going to and I am confused, too. I talked to Senator Ashford yesterday and he mentioned that the study may be around \$20,000 and the rest of the money would be to pay, until a decision is made, the utilities and the upkeep and I imagine security and so forth because they do have security there. And 50,000 is not a large sum of money, but by committing this amount of money to a study or maintenance, part of it, we are, in essence, approving of the future addition of Joslyn Castle, and if it is according to LB 164, the intent language that I read on 164 says that it would be part of the Games and Parks system. If Joslyn Castle is added to the state park system, it will require hundreds of thousands of dollars for restoration before it can be opened to the public. I believe that Joslyn, since it is located in Omaha, it should be maintained by local municipalities or Douglas County instead of the state. I believe that the Joslyn Castle should be a historical structure and open to the public and I do not feel that the state should bring Joslyn Castle into the state park system, if that is the plan, nor do I feel it is necessary to appropriate \$50,000 for a study. If we consider adding Joslyn to the state park system, we will be setting a dangerous precedent. By approving this expenditure, we are paving the way for additional requests for feasibility studies on adding parks or historical landmarks which are located within the city limits. There are some 70 national registered properties in the City of Omaha alone and Joslyn Castle is only one of the some 500 national registered properties in Nebraska. If we do this for one in Douglas County, then we have 500 other properties in Nebraska that may be coming in and asking for the same amount of money or for studies to make them historical sites or part of the Games and Parks system. The only state park which is in a city limits at the present time is Arbor Lodge, and Arbor Lodge, I believe, was gifted to the state in the 1920s, and at that time it was not within the city limits. It was brought into that sometime in the thirties or the forties. When Arbor Lodge was gifted to the state, it clearly was outside the city limits, and, therefore, I don't think the amendment of \$50,000 should be added to the appropriations bill.

PRESIDENT: You are not withdrawing it? Oh, all right, Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I was going to ask Senator Labeledz whether or not if we took the castle, dismantled it, and put it out at