

Lincoln, has indicated its support for the project and its interest in taking over the care of the grounds, the five acres of grounds at Joslyn Castle. Landmarks, which is, of course, the organization primarily concerned with historic preservation, is very interested and is looking into the possibility of taking title to the house, itself, and preserving it. The Department of Tourism on the state level is extremely interested in potentially using part of Joslyn Castle as a tourism facility, and when I started talking about Joslyn Castle at the very beginning, I said one of the primary purposes and reasons for it was to provide information to Omaha residents about attractions outside, Lake McConaughy, for example, Senator Haberman, for people in Omaha so that they can become more aware of what facilities are available in Nebraska for Omaha residents, and the County Tourism Department is meeting with the State Tourism Department on an ongoing basis to try to set up projects for that. We already have projects for the summer.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: There is a Shakespeare in the Park project, a Council of the Humanities project. As far as the issue of the bids, the Joslyn Castle, the Joslyn Castle group, the board that controls the castle will not approve a sale of this property pursuant to those bids. They have said it must be for a public use, a noncommercial use. The bids that Senator Haberman talks about are commercial use, primarily, or partially commercial use bids. The Joslyn Castle, Walter Scott and others, have assured us that that property will not be sold to...it will not be approved to be sold for those uses. So this is the most viable plan, the state. It is not our intent or belief that the state will have an ongoing obligation to own the property but they may be involved. The Department of Tourism may be involved with an office there. Without this 50,000 we wouldn't be anywhere near where we...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...are today in moving this program forward, so I urge you strongly, please, to reject Senator Labeledz's motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, please, followed by Senator Haberman, and Senator Labeledz, and Senator Lindsay. Senator Moore.