

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose Senator Haberman's amendment. Understand probably his reasoning and rationale for introducing it. I know at first glance that was obviously my opinion, too, but after studying the issue and after probably more importantly, comparing this issue with some other ones the state has faced, I think for \$50,000, while we pay for the maintenance and the upkeep, and for a short window of opportunity, we can see what it is we should do with Joslyn Castle and if the state should be involved. Now a variety of times in the past, variety of different state agencies, the Games and Parks is what first comes to mind, when something is given to the state which sounds like it is free but, obviously, we find out later that there is a variety of operating and maintenance costs, and so oftentimes what is free on the front end, ends up costing the state in years to come. At least on this particular issue with the Joslyn Castle, by this \$50,000 contained in this appropriations bill, we can take a look and see what it is, what role, if any, the state should play in the maintenance and future of this facility, and next year we can make a judgment on whether or not the state should, indeed, be involved in the purchasing or the operation of Joslyn Castle at all, and in the meantime, we can find out what it is or anticipated long-term costs would be. We can find out whether or not next year this Legislature is really interested in a long-term commitment because that is not what this is. This is a short-term, less than a year, commitment that the state is going to take care of the operation and maintenance of the buildings while the school board and others find out what it is we should do. And I guess \$50,000, for those of you who have not been to this facility, I think there is a variety of uses that it could have and compliment state government in the Omaha area, and I guess for this amount of money, we can find out some things. I am willing to support it and urge the body to oppose Senator Haberman's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President, members of the body, my good friend, Senator Ashford, mentioned Lake McConaughy, and he said that this office or whatever we are going to build at Joslyn Castle would help Lake McConaughy, that it would tell tourists to be sure to go out to Lake McConaughy. Well, if my recollection is correct, when you enter the State of Nebraska, there is a big tourism building, a huge one, and in that building, they have pamphlets that explain all of the tourist