

property was dedicated to the Omaha Public School System, and just like Joslyn Memorial, that it can be transferred into private use. We know there is great interest in it. We know it can have some great benefit for an awful lot of reasons. It seems a shame to me that for \$50,000 we may lose an opportunity that could help generations in the future and have access to what could be a great, great facility. I am not sure what the highest and best use is but I would hate to see us for this amount of money, as it is a significant amount of money, lose the possibilities that could exist for that facility. We have been talking about capital expenditures here, of over \$70 million. It appears that the majority of the body agree that some of those are worthwhile, and I think geographically they serve the whole area. I think this is a small price to pay, indeed, to offer in the urban areas an opportunity also for this kind of an investment in the future. I would like to now, with permission of the chair, give the rest of my time to Senator Baack.

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, you have a minute and a half.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. President and colleagues, I rise in opposition to the amendment. As Chair of the Government Committee, the people from Joslyn came and made their presentation to the Government Committee. They did a lot of work on their presentation. It was an excellent presentation, and I think this is something that after...I knew nothing about Joslyn Castle until they came in. I never had seen it, hadn't been around it at all, and the presentation they made said to me that this is something that is architecturally something that we need to preserve in this state. They made some very good points there and I think this is something that we need to investigate...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BAACK: ...that we need to investigate as a state, to take a very close look at this and see about establishing something there and preserving this area, and I agree with Senator Ashford. I think it can serve as a clearing house for information for people who come out to the other parts of the state and to look at the things that we have out in the other parts of the state. Those kind of things are really important, I think especially in a metropolitan area like that. So I would urge the body to reject this amendment by Senator Haberman and