

Sheldon in Lincoln is a twentieth century museum, an art gallery of twentieth century art, concentrates on that, was built for that. It is a twentieth century building. And one of the things I should remind you it is on state property, state owned property so helping Joslyn in this way I think is a good way to help them with, and give them maybe a benefit somewhat that Sheldon has. The other thing, the Nebraska Art Association is a nonprofit group which raises the money and supports Sheldon Gallery to purchase the art. I don't think Joslyn, Joslyn is a nonprofit organization in its own right and has to raise the money to purchase whatever art they can. The Arts Council, the Nebraska Arts Council, the appropriation for them is mostly for their operating expenses and the operating expenses of arts organizations. They do not give money to buy things or build buildings. It is all for operating expenses, for expenses for projects and so on. I just wanted to...they pay artists, they help pay the salaries of symphony players and all through the operating budgets of all of those organizations. I just wanted to mention those things because I think it would just be really be a tragedy, I'll use that word, to lose that collection in Omaha. So, I have supported this bill from the beginning and I will continue to. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Langford please.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Just to clear up a little bit of confusion and then I'll withdraw the amendment. I'm not quibbling about the importance of Joslyn Art Museum or this particular piece of art that we are talking with this bill. The fact of the matter is that I just personally have a problem when you exempt something retroactively. I don't care what Senator Lindsay says, if you are just talking about purchases from here on out would be one thing, but we are talking about purchases that happened a couple of years ago and exempting their tax, I think, is just bad