

precedence. It is as simple as that. If the bill just talked about purchases from here on out, I'd be obviously supporting it. And as far as a particular piece of art, Senator Crosby, I agree with you totally. I think this is a...I'm very lucky that Nebraska has this, but whether or not Nebraska will keep this is not in question here. The purchase that was made, the purchase was made a few years ago knowingly at that time that a sales tax would have to be paid. And also, Senator Crosby, only a small fraction of the money that goes to the Arts Council, about... roughly less than a third of it actually goes for operations, the other two-thirds goes to aid throughout the state to finance art programs. So it is not like that million...that \$1.1 million is just paying people. That is paying for a lot of art related programs across the state. I think the arguments have been fairly well laid out. Like I said, I think this is bad precedent. I'd urge the body to vote against LB 705E.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read LB 705 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 705 with the emergency clause attached become law? Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Thirty-three votes necessary. Have you all voted if you care to vote? Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I think... Oh.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Record please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as it appears on pages 2654-55 of the Legislative Journal.) 33 ayes, 14 nays, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 705AE passes. LB 710.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit, would move to return the bill for purposes of striking the enacting clause.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please.