

there will be a few thoughts that I will have today that I will not express. But this amendment would basically put 75,000 in Nebraska Committee for the Humanities' request. Twenty-five thousand of that would go to support the Humanities' Resource Center; 50,000 would help underwrite its grant program. And I'm not going to go through and give you a litany of all the things that Humanities can do. You know, basically what we have is a focus for interaction between scholars in the humanities, whether that be from history, literature, philosophy, and we relate those areas to the public at large. The reason I chose this particular area to speak out on and to actually offer the motion to override was because I sincerely feel that anything that we can do in the state to promote knowledge, particularly in the arts, on philosophy and history in a relationship with our state and who we are and what we are, any chance we can to promote that with our people of the State of Nebraska we should take every opportunity possible. You know, up until this time period the humanities have gone strictly from federal funds and private donations and, as we all know, the federal funds are ever so slowly drying up, in some cases becoming nonexistent, and we at the state level have to make some hard decisions of how far we're going to pick up the gap. But in this particular case I think it's important that the State of Nebraska take a policy...make a policy decision and say, we are very slightly for \$75,000 going to pick up a little bit of the cost because of this program and what it does for people. An example would be the Jefferson-Hamilton debate that we had here on the "New Horizons". That's one of the things that would go on throughout the State of Nebraska on to Chautauqua. The Humanities is a great program. Any society that I've ever known has been great and has continued to be great, has been great because they've looked at the humanities and they've worked and put money on expression of free thought, of looking into ideas, delving into the unknown, questioning those things that should be questioned and passing on those thoughts to its people. I think it's something that the state can do. It is not going to affect, a great deal, any of the budgets that are still pending, and I think it'd be a very worthy cause, indeed. Not only worthy, I think it worthy enough to override a gubernatorial veto. And I would hope the body would go for the 75,000 with the idea that we're trying to give knowledge from the humanities to the public and vice versa. A strong society is one that thinks and a society who can think and has knowledge can truly be a great one indeed. I ask for your support in this override.