

the facility. Also we are currently involved in discussions with Rex Amack in the Games and Parks Commission to transfer one or two employees from the downtown Game and Parks Office out to Joslyn Castle to provide an informational center at Joslyn Castle for the general public to give the public information about the Games and Parks facilities across the State of Nebraska. Yesterday was a great day for Joslyn Castle. It was the opening, or the sneak peak, as you will, of the Joslyn Castle Symphony show house project. During the interim the school district entered into a contract with the symphony show house association or the Symphony Association to provide that Joslyn Castle will be the symphony show house facility for this, starting in April, and what does this mean to the castle? Well, one, yesterday 2,500 people went through Joslyn Castle. It was quite an event and Senator Smith was there, Senator Weihing, Senator McFarland, Senator Nelson and Senator Pirsch were present and witnessed this. It was really a great event. Showed the tremendous public interest in the castle. When the show house is finished, approximately \$250- to \$300,000 of in kind renovation services will be provided for Joslyn Castle which it will...this process will place Joslyn Castle in the position where it can really start looking at leasing space in the near future. Additional work does need to be done in the area of air conditioning, HVAC improvements, window improvements and some flashing work on the roofs, but generally Joslyn Castle will be very close to the state where it can be leased to various groups hopefully starting in 19...even 1990, if this bill passes, but certainly in 1991. I would just in summary, I'd like to thank Senator Baack and the Government Committee for hearing the Joslyn Castle bill three times now and for its patience and for its support in bringing this matter to the floor as quickly as it has done and I appreciate, certainly Senator Warner and the Appropriations Committee and the Governor for appropriating the money last year to provide for the study and the maintenance of Joslyn Castle in the interim, over the interim. And, lastly, I appreciate Douglas County's commitment to the castle and its commitment of \$50,000 to help in the maintenance of the castle over the last year. With that, I would urge that this amendment be adopted and that LB 164 be advanced with the amendment attached. Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator McFarland, please followed by Senator Abboud and Baack.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. President, I had the pleasure