

yesterday of going up to Omaha and visiting the Joslyn Castle, and, my, what an amazing structure. As a person from Lincoln, I make it up to Omaha often, but it's usually on business. It's usually on social trips. I don't really get the chance to tour the historical sites. The thing that strikes me about the castle is the remarkable structure it is. It needs work. It needs to be renovated but architecturally it is sound. It's on a beautiful setting, acreage there. It is in a part of the city that needs something like that to attract people there and keep that that community viable and proud of its surroundings. I think that that building and structure itself, if renovated in a proper manner and administered in a proper manner, could be a real tourist attraction and a real source of pride to the people of Omaha and our state in general. It is a beautiful home and has a carriage house with it. It reminded me very much of the Ferguson House just across the street here in Lincoln and how the Historical Society manages the Ferguson House seems to me that we could also have them manage the Joslyn Castle in the same way. So I would urge support of the amendment. I'd urge support of the bill. I think it's a real benefit to the people of Omaha and the people of our state as a whole. Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator McFarland. Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABBOD: Yes, Mr. President, colleagues, I rise to support Senator Ashford's motion which I also signed onto. I think this is probably one of the good pieces of legislation that will come out of this session. If you look at the amount of construction that takes place in today's society across the state, we build hundreds, if not thousands of structures each year, and we also tear down probably that many each year as well, either because of decay or road construction or a number of different reasons and it's relatively rare in society that we see a structure that we find worth keeping. And I feel that this is one of the few structures probably in the Omaha area that should remain. It reflects a time in society of structures where they had a different viewpoint on architectural structuring. The home itself is a beautiful structure. It's had some wear and tear over the last few years as a result of the OPS's use of the building, but a lot of the woodwork, as well as the basic framing and structure of the home are still in excellent condition. The fact that it will be renovated this year by the Symphony Showcase will help to reduce the cost of the eventual use of the structure by tour groups and I feel that