

Senator-Bernard Stevens just raised probably some good points that we should take into consideration, but I do rise to tell you that generally I do really support this amendment. I had the opportunity to tour Joslyn Castle yesterday and it really is a wonderful old home. It's castle-like in proportion and appearance and it is something that I think is grand and unique to Nebraskans and something that all of Nebraska should be proud of. I really think that we do need to take this measure to preserve it and we want to make sure though that we do ensure accessibility to all of the public in whatever the process is that we come out with here. I have a concern that we don't do something, it's going to create some new problems as far as the Historical Society is concerned. I also have a concern about the cost to the state, but overriding that is my support for the preservation of this beautiful old structure, and I at this point in time will be supportive and I'm hoping that Senator Brad Ashford can work out those concerns that were expressed. Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I hadn't intended to talk on one aspect that has come up, but I suspect that one might, if you're looking at ownership, you probably want to differentiate between ownership of real estate and ownership of items that might be in possession of the agency because I think there probably is a legal difference between the two, or at least potentially so and that would be something you want to keep in mind and not carry away solely with the ownership of real property as opposed to other forms of property. The other thing I was going to mention that Senator Ashford has commented on, on the cost and incidentally I have great sympathy for preserving old structures so there's no concern about, on my part, in that direction, but there is, I think, a lot of thought as to what costs eventually will be incurred by whom and those things need to be resolved and I assume once the amendment is adopted, obviously there will be a fiscal note which will be attached to it and based on current known anticipated costs. Those costs could be borne by someone other than the state, but they are costs that eventually would probably be there and it's just a case of not blaming somebody a year from now or two years from now that they didn't anticipate any cost that might come. There are such other things that I don't know if it exists, but they are concerns that you have to