

state could put that castle back into its majestic original condition. There are a lot of people in Omaha that are supporting this effort and those people will be working to support that castle and a marvelous part of that is the Omaha Symphony Association taking that on as a symphony dream house and they will be putting in a great deal of money which they alone will contribute, both privately and companies to restore that house that will be at their own expense. In April it will be an opportunity for the citizens to view that in its restored beautiful condition and we need to maintain that. To do that I think we should use Senator Ashford's amendment, put that on the committee amendments and we certainly can work out those details by the time we get to Select. Things will have jelled by then and certainly our questions will be answered by then. But I think it's necessary to move forward, put on the amendment to the committee amendments and then pass the committee amendments and advance LB 164. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any other discussion on the amendment to the amendment? Senator Ashford, would you care to close?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President, Mr. Speaker and members, just to answer briefly the concerns Senator Baack and Senator Bernard-Stevens brought up. Referring to the amendment itself, it provides that the Historical Society shall acquire...we're giving them, in effect, an agency status here. They, as agents of the state, shall acquire without cost to the state clear title in the name of the State of Nebraska, so clearly the intent of this amendment would be that the deed itself, the document to transfer its title would have the owner of the castle being the State of Nebraska, not the Historical Society. But I respect Senator Bernard-Stevens and Senator Baack's concerns that rise out of the current lawsuit involving the status of the Historical Society and I certainly will try to look at that and see if this amendment needs, or this bill would, if amended, would need to be changed to reflect those concerns. With that, I would just urge that this amendment be adopted and that we advance the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Ashford amendment to the committee amendments to LB 164. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Ashford's amendment to the committee amendments.