

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. Clerk, before recognizing Senator Wesely, did you want to clarify a pending amendment?

CLERK: Senator, you wanted to withdraw the amendment that we had printed Friday then, is that correct?

SENATOR ASHFORD: That's correct. Was it...?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. It is withdrawn. Senator Wesely, would you care to discuss the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members, I only would add a note of caution to the legislation which I was one of the few senators not to sign, and it looks like Senator Ashford did a good job of getting a lot of folks on board. I'm not going to raise a big fuss on General File, but I do assume there will be an A bill. I assume that there will be some funding involved here and I'm assuming also that the amount of money we're talking about is similar to what is identified in the A bill for LB 933. There it indicates costs in the range of \$1.5 million the first couple years and then 200,000 ongoing beyond that and I guess I haven't followed all this very carefully, but it seems like an awful lot of money to take a home and spend that kind of money just to make improvements on it, so I guess I'd be curious as time goes on to get more details about what is planned and the costs and that sort of thing and I assume some funding will go along with this and not simply just turn the property over without some plan on how we plan to deal with it. I want to be fair to Senator Ashford, just raise those questions, but I don't plan to oppose the legislation at this point and look forward to more information coming forward.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Senator Ashford, would you care to close?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, just very, very briefly, Senator Wesely, I think as I mentioned on the amendment to the amendment without belaboring the point, the A bill, when it comes down, will be very, very insignificant in comparison to those numbers. The intent has been all along and will be in the future that the major cost, well certainly the operating expenses of the castle will be paid through operations and that the restoration, leases and other memberships, that the restoration cost, a substantial portion of which has been paid, is being paid through in-kind services provided by the Symphony Association and that if there