

PRESIDENT: Senator Ashford, would you respond, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Is this going to take any General Funds, operating funds, Senator Ashford?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Fifty thousand this year and 52,000 next year, Senator Haberman. We went through that on General File, but basically those funds would be used for...the State Historical Society felt they needed a person to watch over the house and they needed a fund to make sure that the utility bills were covered if the funds were not raised locally to pay the utilities, but the vast majority of the money is raised locally, as you can see in the A bill. The A bill created...there are two funds created, the substantial...almost all of the money for the castle project comes from local...or from contributions and donations and the bill itself states that no General Fund money can be used for restoration or renovation.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Senator Ashford, the fiscal note states that there will be \$200,000 responsibility of the state from the General Fund annually. Is that correct?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, no. What...

SENATOR HABERMAN: It says that the...approximately \$200,000 will be required annually for operating expenditures. This responsibility of the state from the General Fund could be reduced by any private funding that is generated. So my question is, if there is no private funding generated, then is this going to cost us \$200,000?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I think the answer to the question...well, thank you, Senator Haberman. I think the answer to the question is that the 200,000 assum...is assuming that the house is operational, but the bottom line point is that the only money that is going to be appropriated out of the General Fund is the 50,000 and the 52,500 for the next two years. I mean, the other money is...and it's clearly stated in the...potentially if the house is operating, Senator Haberman, there is an operating cost of \$200,000. Now, that money will also generate operational revenue.