certainly fits in with Joslyn and Sheldon art galleries and is part of the puzzle that we have for preserving the arts in this state. And, no, this isn't the glitzy sexy issue of a lot of things can be done. This is a bottom line basic need, it's now or never for the Museum of Nebraska Art. I bring you that and ask for your assistance and for your favorable vote on this deficit appropriation. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you.   Discussion of the...on the Kristensen amendment.   Senator Moore, followed by Senators Wehrbein, Chambers and Nelson.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I hope the body was listening to Senator Kristensen when he talked about the plea to preserve the Museum of Nebraska Art, and as he says that, that leads me to my first question I have of Senator Kristensen. Senator Kristensen, I was not around the Capitol in 1979 when we created the act but I have been bouncing around these halls in 1980, and did I miss something? Did the Legislature ever discuss the purchase of this museum? Quickly, on my time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No.

SENATOR MOORE: No, they did not. We have never discussed...we never gave our blessing and the Legislature never said one word about whether or not Kearney State College and the Board of Trustees should purchase this museum. Correct?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I don't believe, legally, that that was...that's not how the process works in that area, but, no, you're right, I don't believe...

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, secondly, secondly, pursuant to what act was the museum created? Now in the brochure you handed out to us you talk about the Nebraska Art Collection Act. Is it pursuant to that act that this museum was created?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, the Nebraska art collection was created in Section 82-402, if you want to look in your statute, that created the Nebraska art collection, yes.

SENATOR MOORE: It created the collection and in 82-404 it says the Board of Trustees may establish an art collection program at Kearney State College, may. Secondly, in 82-406, art collected