

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That was the goal in 1986, yes, when this was begun.

SENATOR MOORE: With that money, what is it you plan to do exactly, in 15 seconds, you're going to add on, renovate, things like that?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Purchase the building, secure it for an appropriate environment for the storage and collection of art and to add on storage area and a parking facility.

SENATOR MOORE: And the final question to you, Senator Kristensen, and at that point in time, how will you pay for the operation of it as far as the utilities and things like that, once we do all of this?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: It's going to make it probably a more efficient system and might, in fact, even be a better system for the expenditure of state funds.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, thank you, Senator Kristensen. If you didn't tell it through my line of questioning, you can mark me down for leaning against Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: And the reason I say that is, one, is that this is an ongoing problem we have in the Legislature where differing state agencies, through their own efforts, go out and secure funding to do things and then come in and ask us for money to operate it. This is a good example of that. It's already going on. And it's something that was there ever a resolution discussed? Was there ever a request made before any committee in the Legislature to do this? No. And now Senator Kristensen comes in in the middle of the biennium saying, heavens for sakes, this is an emergency, you have to give me \$390,000 or the place goes away. And I think it's one of those things, once again it's a slippery slope of if you do this, there's going to be more money requested on down the line. And it's said on this floor many times before I ever got here the only way to keep the costs of a program from growing is never to start it. And I think, unfortunately, when the Legislature passed the Nebraska Art Collection Act, from reading in the statutes, it was certainly no one's intention to ever build a museum.