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SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I don't know why I have to follow Senator Chambers, again, good or bad. I am serious about this and I look at it as particularly not the deterioration of Sheldon Art Gallery or I am not comparing or saying that, but we do need to preserve the arts, and, as I said before, this is not necessarily just a Kearney project. It is statewide and the interest and these are things that do need to be preserved, and I had the same problem on...in each and every area or each and every building, what we do or we do not try to protect or preserve. So I am serious in this and I am happy that I was able, I think, to support Sheldon Art Gallery down through it, and it is nearly completed, and we have other projects. It is the fact that they are down to the last few months in determining whether or not this project can be completed. Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Korshoj, please.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Question.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The question has been asked. Do I see five hands? I do. The issue before you is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Debate has ceased. To close on the amendment, Senator Kristensen, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. With all the levity, it breaks up the afternoon a little bit and is a good time, and it is important to do that from time to time on the floor of the Legislature, but, in all seriousness, if we don't raise the \$395,000 before June 30th, a million and a half dollars for the Museum of Nebraska Art is going to be lost, and with that is going to go probably the art collection back...I am not saying that the building is going to close, but it becomes almost impossible for the building to continue to function and to be a preservation for the artwork of the Nebraska art collection, and that art collection belongs to the entire state and is devoted solely to Nebraska art. With that, that is the reason I come. I am not here because I am trying to backdoor