

in the country and the world and it is not the same as the kind of art that we're talking about at the museum in Kearney. Joslyn is a gallery for all art...ages of...art of all ages, from Europe, all over the world, all over the United States. That is a completely different kind of collection that you're talking about at Joslyn. In Kearney, it's a Nebraska art collection. It should be preserved and protected and it is so accessible in this building that they are using and that they are making into a gallery so it will protect and show the art in the way that it should be shown and accessible to people from all over Nebraska and for those visitors to the state who stop and look at the art. So, for that reason, I do want it reconsidered and hope that you will vote to move the amendment. And I will relinquish the rest of my time to Doug Kristensen.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is not in order. Senator Kristensen, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members. Thank you, Senator Crosby, very much for the reconsideration motion and your words. We've got a lot of things that we need to do yet this session and I don't think it is in the Legislature's best interest to belabor this point further. The votes were taken yesterday. Later in the afternoon there were some people who wanted to vote for this amendment who didn't have the opportunity to do so. Just to refresh your memories, if we do not approve this appropriation, over a million and a half dollars are going to be lost of a Challenge Grant and that money would be used to renovate and continue and keep the integrity of the Museum of Nebraska Art and to keep the Nebraska art collection in a condition that it can be preserved and the art work kept for posterity's sake, but also it's the only housing for the Museum of Nebraska Art that we have that we created in 1979. This project is seriously in jeopardy without the money. It is a truly one-time appropriation. This money will be going to a state agency. It does not go to private people. Directly it will be used for capital construction and renovation only and will not be used for the purchase of art in any manner. And, with that, I would urge and ask for your reconsideration vote at this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: For purposes of discussion of the motion to reconsider, the Chair recognizes Senator Moore, followed by Senators Smith, Chambers and Korshoj.