

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Mr. Speaker and members, I was hoping to save the one-eyed steer's speech till Select File but it's just once again, as usual, you run that one-eyed steer through the sale ring enough times somebody is going to buy it. Senator Kristensen failed on this yesterday and I'm sure he's probably to enough people to round up the votes and we'll probably spend another \$390,000 here this morning. And it's just...I don't want to go through my four points of yesterday and the fact that no one ever came to the Legislature to talk about this building. We have already started to pay some funds towards the upkeep of this building already. When they spend \$3.7 million to renovate it, we're going to spend that much more. Don't need to mention the fact that the law creating the collection never said anything about a museum. As a matter of fact, it specifically stated where the art should be displayed and on part-time basis and things like that. And, obviously, in the last 10 years probably primarily since the building was built in '88 since times got better in this state, you know, why do it like this when you can buy a building and do it in a museum? I can't argue with that. I'm not saying it's not necessarily a worthy cause but it's just one of those things. I mean, here's a request that literally got beamed down from Scotty in the last week out of nowhere, it appears to me, and not that it has to go through any...through any, you know, not that it necessarily makes it better if it goes through any normal processes, but the fact of the matter is that all of a sudden we have this \$400,000 emergency that I don't...I certainly have not heard about until the last three or four days and it's just amazing to me that, you know, it seems like we came up short, let's go down to the state, I mean, Senator Kristensen and Senator Langford, they're good at selling their wares down there, they can drum up enough sympathy for, you know, almost a half a million dollars. And I think the Legislature needs to be aware. We're setting a bad precedent but the fact that we're going down a slippery slope of a much larger expenditure on funding the operation of this museum, we're ignoring the fact that there is a variety of, you know, over the last 10 years we basically have allowed people to abandon the original intent of the bill and now we come back with a plea to preserve something that we had nothing in creating. It's just one of those things, it's a lot easier to ask for forgiveness than it is permission. And I think it's important that we realize this is \$390,000 that could go for something else. And I was pleasantly pleased yesterday when Senator Crosby did not vote on this. As I said, after...after a luncheon that we had where she was trying to round up very