

worthwhile sympathy for some very unfortunate people in the state, it was my hope that she had seen the light that you have to say no to things like this to make room for very needy people like that. But it's obvious that she has had a change of ways. I can understand that. She's very concerned about the arts but I think the money could be...if you really wanted to spend money in the arts, the Nebraska Arts Council would be the place to do it. This is a bad precedent. I urge the body to once again refuse the, you know, ignore the desire to bid on this one-eyed steer because I think it is that and we should not buy it and, therefore, say no to the reconsideration and say no to the Kristensen amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lindsay has some guests in our south balcony. We have 46 students from Central High in Omaha, with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're pleased to have you visiting with us this morning. The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate now cease? Those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: I beg your pardon, Mr. Speaker. Senator Kristensen was talking to me and I didn't hear you. I apologize. Thank you very much for your attention to this again this morning. Again, I will just remind some of you that this particular gallery and art collection is unique in every sense of the word because it focuses on Nebraska artists, Nebraska subjects, and it is housed in the center of the State of Nebraska and needs to be preserved and protected. And, yes, Senator Moore, I understand what you're saying to me but a good constituent of mine gave to the State of Nebraska and to this art collection a great deal of the art that is there. So, for that reason and others, I do hope you will support the reconsideration motion and that then you will again...then you will vote to move the bill off General File. Thank you.