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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, and others. Are you recommending that I support this amendment?

SENATOR MOORE: No. I was just saying you should not criticize it as not being of value.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, criticism is of the warp and woof of art and the discussion of art, but I think you meant negative destructive criticism probably. Right?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, you should give it validity for what it is but you should turn it down on the way it spends the money.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, let me ask Senator Schellpeper a question, in view of that. Senator Schellpeper,...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if most of what is going to be stored in this building belongs to Lester, is Lester an impoverished individual who has been wracked by the turn-down in the farm economy?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No, he is, as I understand it, is a former engineer with the university.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And \$5,000 is more than he could spring for in order to have his equipment properly housed and put on display?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Senator, this is just...it isn't all his equipment. His is just the largest share but it isn't all Mr. Larsen's.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why could not they, as was attempted in the Kearney situation, try to raise \$5,000 among engineers and the farmers and the others who appreciate the value of this? Because it doesn't seem that 5,000 is a great amount of money. Had they considered trying to do that?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Senator, this commission was approved four years ago and they have been trying to raise money so that they could get formed the last four years and as yet they have not received any money. They have received \$500 from one