

March 16, 1990

LB 898
LR 297

CLERK: 23 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted.

(Journal page 1395 indicates Wanda Robinson Hofrichter, Mother of the Year; and Patricia H. Hofeditz, Young Mother of the Year, were introduced to the Legislature.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, we'll move on now to General File with LB 898. Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, 898 was a bill introduced by Senators Scofield, Weihing, Ashford, Baack. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 3 of this year, referred to Appropriations, advanced to General File. Mr. President, the bill was discussed briefly on the floor yesterday. At this time I have no amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President, we'd just got into this issue before we had adjourned yesterday. This is the Trailside Museum Complex proposal and what I am asking you to support today is the money to get us started on the planning and the design development phase of this project so that we can protect these, in particular the Columbian mammoths out there from whatever disasters might befall them in the current frame building, and I'm asking you to approve \$100,000 of General Funds in '90-91 which is essentially the initial planning money and then another \$335,000 for the following year which would essentially get us through the design development phase of the project. The total amount of the project is 4.3 million with a provision, if it's possible, to raise private money which we've had some indications we might, that the project eventually would not exceed \$4.7 million. Those, of course, to get to that stage would require a reaffirmation by future Legislatures. But for right now I'm asking you to support the planning money. I did mention yesterday that one of the things I think this makes this an emergency, constitutes it a reasonable thing to ask in an off budget year, frankly is the experience with the Fort Robinson fire last summer really showed us what could happen with the really inadequate kinds of stories that we have for not only the Columbian mammoths which are the only find of its kind in the world with the two with their interlocking tusks, but also there