

CLERK: Mr. President, the next item is by Senators Crosby and Baack. It's an override with respect to the Humanities Council.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Which of you will be handling the motion? Senator Crosby, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, here I am again with what I call a relevantly small amount of money. The Humanities asked for \$75,000 for each of two years and, for various reasons, they have come to us two years in a row and have not as yet been successful in getting some money from the Legislature. One of the big reasons that they...and we are asking for only the \$75,000, we're not asking for the 150. We are asking for \$75,000. And one of the big reasons that this would be such a help to the Humanities Council is that Omaha has...the Coordinating Council on Corporate Contributions will help to fund raise in Omaha if they get some state funds. And the original money, as it was discussed in the Appropriations Committee, as it was originally designated, was to be awarded on a matching basis. For every dollar in private funds that the council raises in '90-91, the state would match up with \$2 up to \$75,000. Nebraska would be joined with nearly 30 states that do now provide some state support for their Humanities Council. To refresh your memories, the branches of learning that are included...and it's a cultural character of these disciplines that are included in the Humanities, are languages, history, literature, mathematics and philosophy that give all those wonderful things that give our lives enrichment. So I would just urge you...I want to read two little things, I'm not going to take a lot of time and I would just read two little things that I think are pertinent to what we're talking about. And I might remind you, along with seminars, speakers' bureaus, Chautauquas and other enterprises that all of us enjoy here in Nebraska through the good work of the Humanities Council, the Legislature, itself, is a beneficiary because Elizabeth Cady Stanton's appearance and other things in connection with New Horizons are funded partially by the Nebraska Council on Humanities. So I thought you might keep that in mind when I ask you to vote for this. And I want to read one little thing. This quotation, the classics, the humanities are having their dark hour. They are an eclipse but the classics have a way of revenging themselves. One may venture to hope that the children or the grandchildren of a generation that goes to a university to select only the most utilitarian subjects will revolt against all the heaped up, machine made materialism about them. They