

will go back to the old sources of culture and wisdom, not as a duty but with a burning desire. That sounds like something you might read in the newspaper or any magazine, anything today, and it was a quotation from Willa Cather. With that, I will stop talking and allow Senator Baack to say what he would like to. And I certainly hope you will vote to override for this \$75,000. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes. Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I think that Senator Crosby has done an excellent job of talking about how these funds are to be used and how we need to, as a state, make this commitment to the Humanities Council before they are able to go out and seek the kind of private funds that they would like to have to keep this operation going at the level that they would like to have it at. I think that, you know, all of us enjoy a lot of the things that the Humanities Council does. I know that several groups in my area have used them in the past to bring out some very good speakers to talk about Nebraska's history and some other things about this state that I think this is a very worthwhile cause. We have...we are only trying to override half of the funds that were vetoed by the Governor. We have lowered that to 75,000 rather than 150,000. And, with that, I would simply urge you to override the veto. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Crosby, your light is on next, would you care to make another statement?

SENATOR CROSBY: Are there any other lights, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER BARRETT: There are two.

SENATOR CROSBY: Oh, okay, all right, I will say something else then. Thank you. Yes, I just...I am handing out to you an editorial from the North Platte paper written by Keith Blackledge who is a member of Humanities Council. And I am a founder of the Humanities Foundation. I think over the years they have made a tremendous effort to raise funds from the private sector along with the money that...the federal money that they get from the National Endowment on Humanities. And so I just urge you again to consider all of the benefits that we get in the State of Nebraska from this group, a very small group of hard working people that do all of this for us. And so, with