

April 9, 1990

LB 1031
LR 249

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. Speaker, and colleagues, this motion is to override the Governor's veto and reaffirm the appropriation of 395,000 to Kearney State for the purposes of the Museum of Nebraska Art Projects, as found in Section 67, page 150. I filed the motion because of the project facts that I've learned. Kearney State and the state college system were authorized in 82-404 to commission and to administer a Museum of Nebraska Art. Since that authorization in 1979, over 4,000 pieces of art have been assembled, a curator hired, an advisory commission established, and until lately the collection was housed in Kearney State basement. In 1986, the former Kearney Post Office building was purchased to house the collection. The building is on the National Historic Trust list, but like many buildings, it is in need of repair. The estimated cost, 3.77 million. All but about 395,000 has been raised privately, including a 1 million challenge grant. This 395,000 will allow completion of repair for a real showcase for Nebraska art, and is well within purposes of Section 82-408, which allows state funds for the project. It seems to me, colleagues, a lot of work, private fund raising and donations have gone for a worthwhile purpose. About 30,000 Nebraskans visited the collection last year. It means as much to Kearney as Josyln does to Omaha and I am carrying this resolution, in part, as appreciation for colleagues that I have talked to in support for the Josyln matter. Senator Scofield and others will note I did not use geographical definitions in explaining motions and reasons trying to adhere strictly to LR 249 and to avoid losing \$50, Senator Scofield, but sometimes we need more than words to define that we are one state. We need concrete action and here is one of those Omaha senators who is standing here today offering you this opportunity. So I would hope that others who support LR 249 would join me in giving some meaning to the motion that underlines those words, and I would ask your support of the override.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion, Senator Rod Johnson. Thank you. Senator Moore, followed by Senator Kristensen and Senator Langford.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President, if I could briefly give you a few reasons to vote against Senator Chizek's very statewide motion here. The first reason, as you remember, this particular request came in, well, much...very late, sometime in March, and