

into Morrill County, filmed Chimney Rock for their show. We also have many experiences with foreign travelers that come into western Nebraska. One example is a couple from England who flew to Los Angeles, then flew into Phoenix to visit people. At that time they rented a car and specifically drove to Chimney Rock. In their estimation, what they wanted to see in America most was Chimney Rock. When they got there they were greeted by an empty parking lot. Three months out of the year there is a small mobile home that is open from eight to five and that alone records 20,000 visitors a year. They were greeted by nothing, it had left. There was no interpretation, there was no explanation and I think we will find that a visitors center there will not only draw people off of I-80 into our state as a valuable tourism tool, but it also will retain people in our area longer. I also would urge this body to support the efforts that are already started with \$100,000 from Kiewit, \$25,000 from the Hitchcock Foundation, there is \$5,000 from a private donor and \$55,000 has already been raised by people in the Panhandle. For future generations and for also the tourism industry in the State of Nebraska I strongly urge the support of this resolution.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on this issue at this time? Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President and members, Madam President, excuse me. If my wife hears that she will attack me viciously. Madam President, members, if Senator Hillman would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Hillman.

SENATOR MOORE: You had mentioned that these are all private funds to build the building, correct, Senator Hillman?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: And just a simple question, if you have the answer if you would provide it to us, in the ongoing operations, how would they be financed?

SENATOR HILLMAN: They would be financed through the State Historical Society.