

objection to the proposal. But it is an opportunity to be...not to be squandered. I can think back on the 13 years I've been here, the first couple of years we had an opportunity to buy a building next to the Labor Department, and another half of the block there. And we turned that chance down, and so it happens that the company I work for, Lincoln Telephone, bought it at a very reasonable rate and turned it into a nice piece of property. But we had a chance, at a bargain rate, to get a building that we knew we were going to use, we didn't take the chance, it was snapped up by another entity. And we'll not have a chance at that building again in I don't know how long. But it would have been nice to have it. Then instead we built the new computer building, and we do other things. So what we do is we save pennies and spend dollars. And here we have a chance, this year, at a bargain basement price, to get some property that, long-term, is in the best interest of this state, and long-term best interest of the State Capitol, and I think Senator Moore talked about that. But I've taken a special interest in Capitol, it's unique, it's historic, it's beautiful, and we don't take care of it the way many states take care of their state capitol. They try to provide for wide vistas and broad parks, and views of their capitol, to hold it with pride and something that they can observe as a true triumph of the spirit of the state. And what we are doing here is we made a mistake long ago that we're trying to correct to some degree, in a small way, by the purchase of this property. And so in my view it makes sense to take advantage of this opportunity, it is some money that is in a tight budget. But there's never a time that you have lots of money to do lots of things. And you have to decide if this is an opportunity worth taking or not, I think it is. I think the Capitol is worth preserving and enhancing and this purchase will do that. I'd ask support for the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. The speaking order now is Senator Warner, Senator Beutler, Senator Bernard-Stevens, Senator Coordsen, Senator Nelson, and Senator Morrissey. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Moore indicated this was apparently included in appropriation bills, the result of a bill that I introduced. I recall in the 1870's, I believe, it was testified, there about, at least when there was plating done east of 17th Street, where there was that jag in the street, I wasn't there, (laughter),