

of us in other parts of Omaha and the State of Nebraska have had. So I do support this. I would support it even if it was two million. I think it is really a necessary project. I think it will pay dividends. I am glad John Cochran is on the board. He lends good expertise in this area, and I hope we get the appropriation increased, and I wish this group a great deal of luck. I know they have done some good work with the dry wall, the one example Senator Chambers has talked about, the dry wall cutting machine, I guess, and it is my understanding from talking to other people that this is really an innovative product. This man, gentleman, has been in the business of laying dry wall for 30 years, hanging dry wall, that is right, you hang dry wall. He has come up with this product, so I really...thank you, I certainly support this request. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise, too, to support this amendment, and I will have to say that I didn't really consider it an omission that no one came to the hearing, probably because I am a little more familiar with the area in Omaha that is covered by this particular amendment, and by the original legislation that was brought last year, or the year before, I lose track of the time. Senator Chambers will remember that I supported it then and I do support it now. For two reasons, I am speaking because in the first place I think somebody outside of Omaha should speak and show support for this money, for this extra money for this particular investment in a section of our state that really needs it, and they have proven that, and I think the handout shows you how much they have proven it. I really liked Senator Chambers' story about the woman who only needed \$8,000. Sometimes we have tunnel vision because of our rules and regulations and the parameters that we work with. So I thought that was a very pertinent story to the fact, to these things that we try to do in investments, and when we try to help small business. The other reason I am speaking, and the reason I have supported from the beginning is I used to live in Omaha, and I lived on North 48th, north of Bedford in the Benson, Monroe, Fontenelle area, and so I do know whereof I speak. I do know what happens and what is happening continually. That was 20 years ago, but even then there was a change in Omaha, and when the North Freeway came through, there was a big change in Senator Chambers' area, in his district. So, for that reason, I am