

give him a vote of thanks. He's worked very hard since he became Chair of this committee to make it work. He's gone I know and looked at a lot of the buildings himself, gone through to be sure he understood what the problems were. And so I think we, for me, I have great confidence in him and this committee. I don't think there's any nefarious scheme here to enlarge government or whatever any apprehensions people have, and I think the Government Committee worked with him to try to make this bill work. So I am going to support it. That's all I have to say. And, Dan, if you need some more time, you may have it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, actually my interest in this came from a person who has made some donations to Game and Parks and will probably do so in the future. And they had some concern about maybe somebody else managing the affairs of Game and Parks other than that entity. I do applaud the committee for trying to address the situation of maintenance. Private enterprise, when you own a building you set aside dollars for maintenance. It's actually budgeted and that's one thing that government does not do. And in the City of Omaha, certainly, I know what has happened there with the maintenance of buildings, parks. When it becomes budget time those dollars just aren't there. It's a way to cut and it certainly should not be done. And so I think the bill addresses the various agencies and I think it's great that you can bring an oversight to all of those. My only concern would be Game and Parks whether they should actually be in this. They are operated from user fees. They receive both federal funds and then the donations, not only just in cash, which Senator Lynch addressed, but sometimes in grounds, in land, and occasionally some buildings. So I will support the bill, maybe we can take a look at something as we go on the next Select File, but, without a doubt, we need to address the maintenance of the buildings that the taxpayers have put out the dollars for and really should get their money's worth by extending the life of all the buildings and grounds of this state. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah, just something because I don't intend to take a long time closing. I think Senator Robinson and I, because we've loved this almost, not quite, to death yet, but I don't want that to happen either. I do have...and so we didn't