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historic preservation. It was also directed to recommend steps for preserving sites and structures significant to Nebraska history, archaeology, architecture, and culture. The task force issued its report in May of '95. One of its recommendations is that the Uniform Code for Building Conservation be adopted to make it easier for communities, local governments, and private property owners to preserve and to rehabilitate existing buildings. At the request of the State Historical Society, I introduced LB 1157 this year. It had its hearing in the Health and Human Services Committee on February 15, and it was voted out with no amendments and with no dissenting votes. Initially, the University of Nebraska had reservations about the bill's potential impact on the university. After further research and consultation with university legal counsel and state building officials, the university's reservations were resolved. They indicated by letter to me and by news...a new fiscal note that their reservations are resolved. I urge your adoption of the amendment to LB 1304. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Discussion on the Robinson amendment? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Madam President and members, I rise in support of the Robinson amendment. It was a bill heard by the Health Committee. It did come out unanimously. The concerns, as were expressed by Senator Robinson, had been addressed. I think this would be a good change and would rise in support of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, I would just indicate my support for this amendment also and thank Senator Robinson for running it on this bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Lynch on the Robinson amendment.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah, I just want...Madam Chairman and members, I just want to add my support as well. It was never the intention of this bill to violate the integrity of these antique bathrooms in the first place. Thanks. (Laughter).

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Lynch. There are no further lights. Senator Robinson, did you want to close on your