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SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Discussion on the committee amendments, Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Senator Schimek, I have a couple of questions and probably relates along the same lines to what Senator Wehrbein would be talking about, that's money.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Schimek, will you yield.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Tell me again how you envision this working, because it seems to me that this ultimately should be private funds or foundation type funds rather than state general appropriations, certainly to the tune of \$600,000 at this point, and how it is...are you creating a framework for an organization that would say that this should be done and that we need to organize ourselves to accomplish this?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Senator Pederson. If I may, the Capital Commission is composed of the Chief Justice, the Governor, the Speaker of the Legislature, the Dean of the School of Architecture, and three other people, one from each congressional district, who are appointed to serve on this committee. So they would be the structure for doing the visioning, if you will, as to how this money would be put together. I do believe that, if asked, Nebraskans would respond to a project like this. I don't necessarily agree with your statement that it should be done with private funds and no state funds. This is the people's capitol, and it is appropriate, I believe, to take state funds to do it. But I honestly believe that we could do it all with private funds, and particularly right now. We have school children in Lincoln and other places who will buy a tree for the capitol grounds occasionally. They could buy bulbs, they could buy flowering shrubs for those courtyards.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes, I believe that we...I didn't mean to say that there shouldn't be any state funds...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right.