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efficient contemporary use, while preserving those portions of the features of the property which are significant to its historic, architectural, or cultural value.

SENATOR VRTISKA: That pretty well points out that if you would buy it and change the architectural design or the things that were considered to be of value architecturally, that you would...it would appear to me then you would lose your benefits. Is that correct?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: That's correct. That's the whole idea here, is to take something that has an historical value and retain its historical value.

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's the way I read your bill and I was...I just wanted to make sure, for the record, that that's exactly what you're talking about. I was...reading the bill, I was sure that that's what it said, but I wanted to get your make on it. And for that reason I support the bill, because we all understand that there are lots of historical items out there that should be preserved and this, if this will, certainly should help to do it, and for that reason I support the legislation. Thank you, Senator Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I stand in support of this bill also. I...and I really want to thank Senator Pederson for bringing this bill forward. I've traveled around to many states and seen many historic buildings come back to our state, and sometimes we get into a real hurry in destroying some of our very beautiful buildings that are of historical significance, and I can give you a couple examples actually in my district. In my county, we had a beautiful county courthouse that was not kept up, was not kept up in repairs and was demolished. It took several days, and I was there watching this big ball coming and trying to demolish this beautiful building and structure that could actually be seen from the interstate. But it was destroyed, and I think if