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and unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. Senator Beutler, you may proceed with your closing.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm, members of the Legislature, I wish I wasn't a morning person but an evening person, when it's late in the evening like this and I really, really want to make you believe as I believe that, one, this building is unique; that two, this is an effective way of dealing with this building, because it's going to provide the focus that will allow us to involve private money, to go out and get private money and to maintain this building in the manner that the people of Nebraska would want it maintained. I don't think there's anything in Nebraska, from the sower on top on down, that is more important to and more symbolic of the people of Nebraska than this building. Beyond that, I don't want to underemphasize the importance of Senator Engel and Senator Chambers and the Executive Board's contribution to this, to this amendment. This amendment will help the Legislature get the space in the building that it needs and that it wants. We should not be subject to the executive branch in terms of our own needs, and this bill will ensure that we will not be; that we can control our own destiny. And finally, this bill is not going to result in duplication. It's not a separate executive office. We have an Attorney General's Opinion that says that. Remember, no control is taken away from the Governor. He appoints. He's going to be looking at the cooperation between this office and DAS and all other agencies. There's no reason that there should be duplication. That normal pressure that will be there to cooperate to use interagency services in an effective way will still be there because this person is still under the Governor. That does not change. But I hope you can see the possibilities for advantage in the future if you and I can work with this agency and work with private people to make even something more of this building and this symbol of Nebraska. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the closing. Members, the question before us is the adoption of AM1971. All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.