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bought the second one 10 years later under Governor Charles Thone. That piece of equipment, partly due to good maintenance, partly due to appreciation, is worth more money today than we gave for it when it was purchased. Now a million dollars is a lot of money and I don't argue that it is not, but I want to point out that, given the nature of things, that piece of equipment will also appreciate, very frankly, and it is probably one of the few pieces of equipment we buy in law enforcement that does hold its value. It is a very excellent piece of equipment. It is an excellent assistance to law enforcement. It is excellent to assist the Nebraska patrol and the cities and the counties in the war against drugs and certainly I think it would be most helpful to their operation. There are a number of cities and entities along the coast who have confiscated this kind of equipment because it's used in the traffic in drugs. Unfortunately, here in Nebraska we do not have that kind of activity so the patrol cannot confiscate one, so they've got to go out and buy it. But I want to point out once again that I believe that the million dollars spent here, just as the million dollars that I proposed a year ago for overtime which today is in the Governor's budget and which is going to be spent by this body, is a wise investment and ought to be considered as a deterrent to criminal activity and which in the long run will reduce our cost insofar as incarceration of felons is concerned. I ask you to support the amendment.

SENATOR LABEDZ PRESIDING

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Schmit. We're voting on Senator Schmit's amendment to LB 1031. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please vote. We're voting on the amendment to LB 1031. Have you all voted? Please vote. We're voting on Senator Schmit's amendment to LB 1031. Mr. Clerk, record.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 4 nays, Madam President, on the amendment.

SENATOR LABEDZ: The amendment fails. Do you have anything to read in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I do, Madam President. Amendments to be printed. Senator Warner to LR 239CA; and from Senator Lynch to LB 1221. (See pages 1381-83 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, new resolution, LR 297, by Senator Haberman.

well and above average. I can't help but say a word or two also for the young lads that Senator Wesely did yesterday, all the rest of them who competed who did not win. The sportsmanship is important and it's a part of the learning process and I ask for support of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the resolution. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 293.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. LR 297, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, 297 was introduced by Senator Haberman. It is found on page 1383 of the Journal. (Read brief description of the resolution.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I'm very pleased this morning that Wahoo did not have the opportunity to play the Perkins County High School at Grant, Nebraska, because they would not have been undefeated at the end of the year because the Perkins County High School basketball team would have defeated the Wahoo basketball team and then Senator Schmit could not have stood before this body and said those beautiful words. However, to prove this point, for the past two years the Perkins County High School Plainsmen have won the Class C state football championship, Senator Schmit, and the last two years they have won the Class C-2 basketball championship, so that's four championships in two years. Now this displays their effort and their teamwork, their skill, their spirit, their sportsmanship and, therefore, I ask this body to heartily endorse this legislative resolution for the Perkins County High School Plainsmen, otherwise known as Grant, Nebraska. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, and, Senator Haberman, your opening remarks seemed to have awakened some of your colleagues and we start with Senator Scofield first. Senator Scofield. Senator Schmit. (laughter.) Your opening remarks have quelled everybody, so the question is the adoption of the resolution. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

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CLERK: 23 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted.

(Journal page 1395 indicates Wanda Robinson Hofrichter, Mother of the Year; and Patricia H. Hofeditz, Young Mother of the Year, were introduced to the Legislature.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, we'll move on now to General File with LB 898. Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, 898 was a bill introduced by Senators Scofield, Weihing, Ashford, Baack. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 3 of this year, referred to Appropriations, advanced to General File. Mr. President, the bill was discussed briefly on the floor yesterday. At this time I have no amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President, we'd just got into this issue before we had adjourned yesterday. This is the Trailside Museum Complex proposal and what I am asking you to support today is the money to get us started on the planning and the design development phase of this project so that we can protect these, in particular the Columbian mammoths out there from whatever disasters might befall them in the current frame building, and I'm asking you to approve \$100,000 of General Funds in '90-91 which is essentially the initial planning money and then another \$335,000 for the following year which would essentially get us through the design development phase of the project. The total amount of the project is 4.3 million with a provision, if it's possible, to raise private money which we've had some indications we might, that the project eventually would not exceed \$4.7 million. Those, of course, to get to that stage would require a reaffirmation by future Legislatures. But for right now I'm asking you to support the planning money. I did mention yesterday that one of the things I think this makes this an emergency, constitutes it a reasonable thing to ask in an off budget year, frankly is the experience with the Fort Robinson fire last summer really showed us what could happen with the really inadequate kinds of stories that we have for not only the Columbian mammoths which are the only find of its kind in the world with the two with their interlocking tusks, but also there

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LR 293, 297, 301-304

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

(Recorder not activated immediately. According to Journal LR 301-303 were introduced and read for the first time. See pages 1404-07 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: ...reports.

CLERK: And, Mr. President, LR 304 introduced by the Speaker. (Read brief explanation. See page 1407 of the Legislative Journal.) That resolution will be laid over, Mr. President. Mr. President, the only other item I have are LR 293 and LR 297 are now ready for your signature. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 293 and LR 297. We'll move on to the confirmation reports, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first report I have this morning is by the Natural Resources Committee, Chaired by Senator Schmit. He reports on the appointment of Lance Paulsen to the Environmental Control Council.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, the Committee on Natural Resources voted unanimously to recommend the appointment of Mr. Lance Paulsen to the Environmental Control Council, and that there be a record vote on that appointment.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the acceptance of the confirmation report. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Members of the Legislature, we're a little bit light this morning, so we do need your attention for a moment, if you care to vote. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the appointment confirmation of Mr. Lance Paulsen.

PRESIDENT: It is accepted. The next confirmation report.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit has a report, found on page 1385 of the Journal. Senator, it's my understanding you'd like to vote on Mr. Richard Lichti.