

throughout all of southeast Nebraska or any of Nebraska for that matter. But I'm not here to argue that point because I understand that everybody needs their projects and certainly the question then comes down is how much can we afford? But I do speak in favor of the 309 Task Force and the work that they do in trying to keep these buildings up to where the roofs don't leak and the foundations don't collapse because once that happens then your costs are obviously much greater than they are if you try to do some work in getting these done. Senator Lynch has been the leader in the task force in trying to see that this is done. He's done a good job with his people in doing as well as he can with the amount of funds that they have, but certainly they're just slowly falling behind and some day we're going to have to pay the piper. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam President and members, thank you very much, Senator Vrtiska and Senator Crosby and others who have taken to heart the problems we have with the deferred maintenance problems we have in the state and the maintenance of our, in some cases, monumental and historic buildings. I stand only as it involves the trailer bill regarding at this point in time, the same thing Senator Vrtiska talked about, the 309 funds. We have on the floor LB 530 which was already passed through General File to Select and before we vote on it on Select we will be working with some agencies who have some concerns about it because there are some legitimate concerns about, for example, the security at Lake McConaughy. However, if you folks are of such a mind and you are so concerned about an individual agency that you cannot support the concept of LB 530 which provides for the first time the centralization of the administration of these responsibilities and the separation of the people responsible for the direct maintenance of 309 Committee and the administration of space, then you ought to support this money for 309. You just...you shouldn't have it both ways. If you don't want to support an administrative tool that we can put in place for the first time since the concept of 309 being developed some years ago, then you ought to support this \$4 million. That's why I appreciate what Senator Vrtiska said and others have said in the past about our responsibility. I notice some aren't listening but that's all right. This is not that exciting a responsibility, but it's an important one and I just want to remind those of you who are listening that when LB 530 comes up again, if in fact this trailer bill does