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SENATOR DUIS: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, this is very important to Kearney and we do thank Senator Fowler for bringing this to the Legislature and believe me, there is no fiscal impact whatsoever. We would like to do it ourselves and I like Senator Lamb's look when he heard that. I appreciated that but this started in Kearney at Kearney State approximately 1973 and has steadily been growing. A year ago a drive was put on. There was \$125,000 raised locally in a very short time for the purpose of acquiring more Nebraska art. We had had a good start prior to that. I believe in the people who are responsible for the Nebraska art collection at Kearney, that there is plenty of money available throughout the state for just this purpose. There will be no conflict whatsoever with Joslyn and Sheldon. Joslyn is more or less an international. Sheldon is national and state and they fully agree and have cooperated 100% on naming the Kearney as a location for the Nebraska Art Center. Geographically it is going to be great for tourists. It will be located near the interstate and near Highway 30 so we do appreciate Senator Fowler's help in bringing this to you. I hope you approve it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Cope a question or two. First of all, what could you do that you cannot do if we pass this bill?

SENATOR COPE: We can still do it the same as we are doing it, only we will have the recognition of the state.

SENATOR NICHOL: And what would your name be by having the recognition of the state as being the art collection center?

SENATOR COPE: I presume the Nebraska Art Collection, the same as in the bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, whatever the name is but my point really is do we really need this because you are doing everything that you are doing now. The state would not be issuing any money but you would have this title that would preclude anybody else from being the Art Center of Nebraska and I don't know if that is fair. I'm not