

action that we may endeavor to do in the future. Now there is no fiscal impact with this particular piece of legislation. There is a fiscal note in there and you can look at it. We're not appropriating general fund dollars for any purpose, however, if that purpose should arise in the future, then I think it's only right and legitimate that this body then make a decision at that point. So I am very uncomfortable with closing the door or precluding any matching state dollars, any use of state sources, as was pointed out by Senator Fowler in the area of legitimate state employees working on the art collection, guards in the State Capitol guarding an art collection or whatever. I think that would be turning the faucet down too tight. I think this gives us the ability to regulate and control the faucet and I think we should have that ability. I think this is a good bill. I think it establishes the Nebraska Art Bank which will be used by all Nebraskans, not only at Kearney State College. I think it's good that it is being put in Kearney State College. I think all cities in the state of Nebraska, Senator Murphy, including South Sioux City, and Columbus and whatever city, will benefit from this traveling art bank. Right now they're operating under very restrictive restraints, and this bill allows them to operate. It doesn't open the floodgates by any means. There isn't one dollar being appropriated in this bill. I think it's good public policy to recognize, encourage and foster the arts, and that's essentially what this bill does, is recognition, encouragement and fostering and it doesn't go in the business of buying them.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman and then Senator Nichol.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and fellow legislators, could it be that those who are opposing Senator Murphy's amendment are aware that this can't carry itself without state taxes? Maybe that's their problem. Here we go again spending money that we might have or that we don't have. We tell the counties and the cities and the schools, you have a seven percent lid...you can't go over seven percent, but we stand here and open the doors for more state spending. I'll have to support Senator Murphy. He says it doesn't kill the program, it just says they can't use state funds, and I don't see anything wrong with that. So I ask you to support Senator Murphy's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol and then Senator Duis.
Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature,