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LB 116

Senator Fowler's motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the Fowler motion to the Murphy...Fowler amendment to the Murphy amendment. Senator Fowler, do you have any other comments to make? You are now closing.

SENATOR FOWLER: The amendment...

SPEAKER MARVEL: I'm sorry there are two other lights on so...go ahead. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise to support Senator Fowler's amendment. I think it's obvious that if we're going to make this piece of legislation a viable piece of legislation that we need some capability of giving some financial support to this endeavor. If we are, indeed, granting some money to the Council now and we are as a state, then I think that we should allow them to give a certain amount of money for the carrying out of LB 116, whatever that may be. I see no danger or threat that this piece of legislation is going to demand a large outlay of money from the state of Nebraska, but I do believe the way Senator Murphy had his original motion that the Arts Council would not have been able to give any support to this endeavor. So I think Senator Fowler has the right amendment and I would hope we'd adopt it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope, do you wish to make a comment on the Fowler amendment?

SENATOR COPE: Yes, Mr. President and members, I must tell Senator Murphy again that the Nebraska Art Bank, that is what it would be called if this bill was passed, is not asking for any money whatsoever for the purchase of any art. It is only, if this passes as it is, it would allow the Nebraska Arts Council to use some funds to take these art displays around to other places in the state, and as far as the curator, the people that have worked...have done the work on this over the last four years, they have been doing this on their own time along with private citizens. This is a Kearney-wide, statewide really, because a lot of contributions of one thousand dollars each came from many parts of the state, so it isn't a Kearney function. This is a state function, and I do think we should be allowed that part if other areas would like to have this art on display, we would have that access to those small funds.