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LB 116

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now Senator Fowler, would you like to close on your amendment to the Murphy amendment. Senator Fowler is closing.

SENATOR FOWLER: Senator Murphy's amendment flat out says in no way can general funds be used in any way with this program. What the amendment is attempting to do is to indicate that as far as what I thought was Senator Murphy's biggest objection to what in fact would be the major cost of the program and that is acquisition of art, the state general funds would not be used for that, except it would allow if funds were required as part of a match that that could be done and we're speaking specifically about the Arts Council. Also then it would indicate that the curator could basically be funded by Kearney State College, which is state funds, and it also would allow state funds to be used for the display of this art. I guess I would stress again some things on the history of this bill. It was originally set up as a program within the Arts Council, and it was felt that it would have need for initial funding, but upon the discovery that Kearney State College had started this program, that necessity of funding was eliminated. The goal with this bill is for us to recognize that collection so that it can grow, so that it can receive private donations with the donor being comfortable that in fact this is an official state art collection, that it could receive donations of art from individuals who would know that this collection has a special value to the state of Nebraska. That is the goal of the legislation, with my amendment to the Murphy amendment I think it would allow the flexibility for it to meet those needs without any major impact on the state tax dollars. So I would move for adoption of that amendment. If the amendment is not adopted, I would have to oppose Senator Murphy's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the Fowler amendment to the Murphy amendment. All those in favor vote...what's the matter? Okay, read it again.

CLERK: (Read Fowler amendment to the Murphy amendment to LB 116.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Fowler amendment to the Murphy amendment to LB 116. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? This is the Fowler amendment to the Murphy amendment to LB 116. Have you all voted? The motion even if it's an amendment to an amendment on Select File takes 25 votes. Have you all voted? Senator Fowler.