

a temple renovation in the theatre arts building at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, at a level of \$610,000 this year \$2,300,000 for '80-'81, 2.5 million for '81-'82 approximately \$640,000 for '82-'83. Next item deals with the Historical Society, the Historical Society as you well know has had over the years request for appropriations for a new heritage center. Some years ago the legislature enacted legislation designating the block immediately east of the Governors Mansion as the site for this proposed structure. That proposed structure would have had a total cost of approximately six million dollars again spread over a three year period. In the course of the committee's deliberations however, the possibility of utilizing the Elks Building located here in Lincoln which is now for sale, under a distress sale, was discussed and the committee's recommending \$950,000 for this year to acquire that building, and that site. I should point out that there will be required additional funds for next year as of yet not precisely indicated for renovation of the building. There will need to be some amendment made to the operating budget for some operational funds and minimal amount for some planning for that renovation and some operating money as well. I think the committee's feeling was that even though the maximum amount of funds that are suggested that could be used for renovation which is nearly two million dollars and I suspect that includes the acquisition of parking space not included in the original purchase. It was still something like a three million dollar at that level....a three million dollar lesser cost than was involved in the original proposals. Square footage is not significantly different, about 73,000 square feet in the Elks Building, the original proposal to be constructed south of the capitol had approximately 80,000 square feet of useable space. The other two items that deal with the Historical Society is additional funds at the level of \$15,000 state, \$15,000 federal for the completion of the renovation of the Ferguson mansion located southeast of the capitol. Also an amount of \$20,000 state funds and \$20,000 federal funds to complete the museum of the Missouri or the Merriweather-Lewis dredge that is located in that area and the completion of that project. In addition the final amounts recommended by the committee deal with the Department of Administrative Services, \$27,000 for renovation for some of the mechanical systems in the state capitol building, \$121,000 for some of the continued restoration of interior space within the capitol. This is not restoration in terms of office space but renovation of many of the items within the capitol that have shown deterioration over the years. Then there is \$35,000 also included for the renovation of one of the court yards, it would be the one that would be adjacent