

I guess my position, personal position is, that any dollar amount that is authorized as an expenditure should be presumed to be spent, or will be spent, but I could not disagree of the possibility on those two items that they may carry on beyond next year and not in fact have any expenditure, or not at the level at least as proposed in the bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Warner.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fitzgerald, your light is on.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. Speaker, Jerry, would you yield to a question? Page 17, Jerry, the Elks Building, the Historical Society are they agreeing with this building or are we just giving it to them and saying take it and jam it? How are we going to do this?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Fitzgerald, I think that a fair reflection of the Historical Society's position would be to state that their preference would be what they originally requested which was approximately a six million dollar building located over east of the Governors mansion. There were representatives we have had discussions with the Director as well as with representatives of their governing board and I guess the way it could be best phrased is that they do have severe problems over there in terms of space, not only because of their responsibility for being the deposit of the archives of the state which is volumes and volumes of paper, they also have a great many of the historical...items of a historical nature people have given to them from around the state that are undisplayed because they do not have the space. Because of the critical condition I think they feel that their space needs are that they are willing to accept the Elks Building with proper renovation and with...their one big concern is parking space, but you can argue this over doesn't have parking either or you are losing parking. I think that they are willing to accept that as the possible and feasible area to display Nebraska's history. The building also has the capabilities of having the fourth floor added to it, as far as the structure, the way the building is built. It is a three floor structure now.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Do you take into consideration what the remodelling cost would be on this building?

SENATOR WARNER: As I have indicated the very rough estimate that was provided to us was a range, it was a low range of not quite \$400,000 to the high side of a \$1,900,000 but included in that was the acquisition and I think in the area of around \$400,000 for parking to buy some land for a parking area which is a problem there of course. There are numerous,