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well not numerous, I am aware of two or three or four sites for parking that might be available to the state, one of which I understand is available from a lease, on a lease basis, as opposed to purchase basis so much per lot per year. We also explored the possibility of whether or not some designated space could be worked out with the federal government with the federal parking building there which is catty-cornered from the structure. Those options have not been, you know, finalized, or my assumption is that if the state decides to purchase the property that during the interim period the most efficient and economical way to provide those at least the parking can be explored and arrived at. Some of the committee feels that somewhere in the vicinity of \$600,000 would be adequate for the basic renovation of the building. I think to that would have to be added some figure for display cases which would be a necessary expense whether you build at another site or not.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Clerk will read the first amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Nichol moves to amend (read Nichol amendment). Amendment appears on page 1445 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I move for the adoption of this amendment. You will recall that a year or two ago we had LB 315 which was a bill to get the Veterans Administration Funds back out of the General Fund of the State of Nebraska. These funds were originally put there and were federal money that the veterans had some five or six years ago and they did not spend them during that year. As a result of this the money went back into the general fund. We thought, and by "we" I refer to the Government Committee of the Legislature thought that 315 would free these funds so that the Veterans Administration could have this half-million dollars. That was not true. What happened was the \$500,000 went into a separate fund called a veterans home building fund. That is not part of the general fund of the State of Nebraska. The Veterans Administration would like to get this money out so that they can match it with other federal money to continue their building of veterans home. It was agreed by all of the veterans organizations that this money would be used to finish the project out at Scottsbluff and that further funding would go to the one in eastern Nebraska and I believe that is supposed to be done in Omaha, is it not,