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good investment anyway, but wouldn't it be more wise, and I am a little bit reluctant to ask the question because I am rapidly running out of time, but isn't it a little strange that we just buy a building which is situated in downtown Lincoln which may or may not lend itself to the purpose for which we would like to accommodate it when actually we really have not identified what we are going to place in that building. I have an amendment which calls for someone to determine just what items of interest we would like to maintain in such a building. It appears to me that the building ought to be accessible to many people other than those who just live in downtown Lincoln. There should be parking. It maybe should have access to the Interstate. It should have grounds around it in case we wanted to display equipment of our past that would be far too large to keep inside of the building and certainly the fact that if we wanted to go into the real estate business I am sure we could find some other good deals around town and I think Senator Fitzgerald pointed out the \$180,000 has already been spent on planning for another structure. The \$30,000 is not going to go very far. That will only be a drop in the bucket and most assuredly we are going to be called upon for a substantial amount of money next year to renovate that structure and it has been my experience of my own activity that that kind of renovation is very expensive. I would just like to call attention once more to the fact that there is nothing in the projection for another year. Historically the donations that we have looked for in this kind of a project have not been exactly overwhelming and the voluntary contributions have never exceeded perhaps the cost of collection if there were any. So I think that is being a little bit perhaps of a philosophical attitude if we think we are going to get any money from that source. I would hope that we would take a long hard look at this sort of an acquisition. Again, I don't question the value of it from the standpoint of real estate. I think it might be a good investment if we are going to speculate. If you want to speculate I can find some other land, some other buildings that would make good speculation and certainly you might even make enough profit on it to build the historical building of a type and in a location where it might be completely accessible to all of the people. I am afraid that at this point in time I cannot support the idea and I am going to perhaps even support the Lewis amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Time is up. Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature,