

you can tell from his background and his qualifications. This program is a serious move by the University of Nebraska Folklore Archives to collect information in these areas for the serious student to have a place to go where accurate information is available on all of the various ramifications of folklore and paranormal experiences. The amendment that Senator Schmit put on 999 the other day really was political in nature as I am sure all of the members are aware, that it had all heavy political overtones as breaking the budget and all of this great stuff that we would want to do, which is very good in many instances and I was delighted that an interest of mine sparked a lively debate politically that we had. However, we have not considered...we have not heard from people who are really interested in this area of paranormal research, which it is a science, it is a question, it is academic in nature. It is not just a fun laughable thing. No doubt members of our Legislature have had paranormal experiences and have folklore information they would like to see preserved, which we can do through the Folklore Archives. I ask that you give the votes...the 25 votes necessary to reconsider this question on 999, which would be to restore the \$7500 appropriation to the University of Nebraska Omaha library service for archives paranormal research. Please support the motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

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SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I urge you not to support this amendment. This is still trivia. The only good thing about it is that it is a little amount, \$7500. If it weren't for that it would be all bad. I still ask you to ask yourself, what are you going to do when you go back home and they said, I see you appropriated \$7500 for trivia, I mean, what was that sub-normal activity...paranormal, that means half-way normal activity. It is still a moon bill, a bill to look into falling objects or unidentified UFOs, NFOs, whatever. It is still trivia, and if you vote for this I hope people in your home area do come to you and say, what was this \$7500 about? And you have to say, well, it was trivia. I ask you to defeat the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I owe Senator Kelly an apology. Senator Kelly, I am