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brief, besides being an explanation of why this Chamber should be named for Senator Norris, it is also my closing argument in defense of myself in admiring Senator Norris all of my life. It is within the month...I am going to attend, this afternoon, the funeral of a very dear republican friend, former U.S. Senator Eva Bowring up at Merriman, Nebraska. Within the month I talked to Eva often. She reminded me that she could not concur in my admiration for Senator Norris. I know there are other republicans in the state who will not concur. Therefore I'm going to read my brief. I'll try to read it entertainingly and rapidly. It lasts about 13 1/2 minutes. That will close the argument starting 41 years ago on whether or not he was a great statesman. I think he was. (Dedication speech given. Refer to pages 109 through 114 of the Legislative Journal.) As a footnote let me say that my effort to reproduce the snap shot on page 10 does not do justice to Senator Norris. In 1943, March 10, he looked more robust, more well than that snap shot shows. I do submit that the person standing just above him has changed almost not all with the years. Thank you very much.

**PRESIDENT:** Thank you, Governor Crosby, for that most interesting discourse that will have, I'm sure, a very great part in the literature of the history of our state in the future. I now have the honor to present a man who represents various groups who are interested in developing the environs of the Capitol area in a nice and beautiful way in the future. He will explain the purpose of his organization. He is the Chairman of the Capitol Malls Implementation Committee of the Nebraska Capitol Environs Committee in association with the Lincoln Foundation. It is my privilege to present Mr. Robert Hand.

**ROBERT HAND:** Thank you. Honorable ladies and gentlemen of the Unicameral, I represent a committee comprised of Lincoln Foundation board members and Friends of the Capitol. This committee has been called by so many different names that I have difficulty remembering its proper name, but it is not important. What is relevant for you to know is that last year a three-day on-site charette focused on the various elements of the Capitol environs. National design professionals, faculty and students of the University of Nebraska College of Architecture and local professionals met to examine the issues confronting development of the 15th Street and J Street malls. The results of this effort