

to make sure...the public sector to make sure that the building is adequate and that the staff are there and that the ongoing operations are adequately funded. That is the public responsibility that we have. The private sector...

SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: ...will pick up the rest of it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, excuse me a moment. (Gavel.) Hold it down so we can hear Senator Wesely speak. Continue, Senator Wesely. Or were you through?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, no, actually not.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Oh, okay.

SENATOR WESELY: But, you know, if nobody else is enjoying this, at least I am. And it is...you know, this is tough. I talked to Senator Rupp. He was wondering if I supported any of the cuts and I looked at him and I found about 30 of them that I could tolerate, not particularly support, but tolerate and a few that I could not. And those few that I could not have been brought up here and not done very well, so I think when you have much to lose as Lincoln does, you have much concern about the budget cutting that we are going through. If you have little to lose as some areas of the state might in terms of the budget, it is not as great a concern. But, clearly, when you deal with something like Sheldon Art Gallery, I hope you think of it in terms of beyond Lincoln, Nebraska. I hope you think of it in terms of a resource for all Nebraskans to come and enjoy. I know you have been there and we have had functions there. You have seen the building and the collection. I hope that you found it to be an attractive facility. And I think you would find, if you did spend time there, an attractive place to visit. You can see what virtue there is there that attracts visitors. And as I said before to spend money on tourism promotion and not to have any place for anybody to visit doesn't make any sense. The Sheldon Art Gallery is also utilized for a number of educational activities. The film classes at the University use it. The art classes use it. It is a functional part of the University. Even though it is separated out to some degree, it is under the