

that intent language and, obviously, that intent language is in there to say that they cannot cut those branch museums back at a dollar amount less than they are in the present budget year of '90-91.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay, I know that we've struggled...struggled with the situation that we've had relative to the bones issue and relative to getting the State Historical Society to do what we intend for them to do. And is it...the next question then, would it be...would be is it would it at all be proper perhaps on Select File to specifically say that they are to do that?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I mean, there is a...I don't know, if this doesn't have any weight, that wouldn't have any weight, Senator Elmer, you know. I mean, if the State Historical Society is not a state agency, there's a question, we can write them a check, that's all, and I guess I would argue that it don't make a whole lot of difference if you do it this way or that way, I'm going to argue either way. I would assume they would follow the intent of the Legislature. Now, by making it clearer, would that...would that make sure of that? I would argue if they're going to argue the intent of the Legislature, I don't care, but with intent language like this, or specific, if they choose to ignore it, they will just do that. I don't...I'm thinking they will not do that, obviously. But I don't know if you really gain that much, Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay, thank you, Senator Moore. It seems as though since here in the bill and we're appropriating this money for this Historical Society and it specifically says we're appropriating it for agency number 54, that they would be considered a state agency. And if they're not, why are we putting General Funds at all? But the point...but the point to be made is that we have several branches out there, like the Neihardt Center and the George Norris Home in McCook, that this Chamber is also named after, who are facing possible tremendous cuts in what the Historical Society intends to spend out there and allow those then to fall into disrepair and allow, like the George Norris Home, not to have any political significance when he was one of the greatest senators that the United States has ever seen. And not to fund those at their current levels, I believe, would be injudicious and very detrimental to those causes. And the George Norris Home, of course, is statutorily required that they maintain and operate along with this intent language...