

that I think each generation, when we have something that is a treasure like this, and I think I would think the same way if I were not from the City of Lincoln, when we have a treasure like this, I think it is part of each generation's duty, goal, to contribute at least to advance that goal and to make some contribution to the development of that scheme as best we can. Even at the pace that we are going, it will probably take 50 to 100 years to complete the total Capitol plan or scheme as originally designed, even with help from the City of Lincoln, and the City of Lincoln does contribute to these projects as they go along. So I hope you would see this as something that is truly unique, as something that doesn't belong to the City of Lincoln any more than it belongs to the City of Omaha, or the City of Grand Island, or the City of Scottsbluff. It is Nebraska. It's something that Nebraskans can be proud of. It is something that is considered unique by the people all around this country. Architecturally, it is considered unique internationally. It is a very important piece. We are very lucky to be working in this building. Really, I take great joy each day just in going to work here, and that building out there, I know doesn't sound like much, but it is a part of the plan. And when you see it altogether, and when it is put altogether, ultimately, it will be an unparalleled example of architecture and environmental landscaping, a whole aesthetic scheme put together that would really make, would really, I think, make us all proud for many generations into the future. So I hope you will see fit to continue to add slowly, piece by piece, to the overall structure. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. Just a couple of other comments to add to what Senator Warner and others have stated, maybe in a little bit different vein. One of the other things that was briefly discussed, and certainly one that I'd thought about besides the historical concept, and besides the fact that it is available now, and it will not be available, for all practical purposes, for a long time to come, is that the State Capitol is...all of the State Capitol, the way it looks, the way it perceives, the north side, the mall that you have, all of it is something that Nebraskans take pride in. All of it is something that we bring our children from all across the state to come see, and all of it is something that we all look at and are kind of proud, and I go back to the NCSL