

meeting that we had here, and the good reception we had in the Capitol, and how proud we all were of that. And it is not just a project that we can just throw some money for Lincoln, for Lincoln development. It is something, an investment we make, and something that almost all Nebraskans hold to be something that is very special to them, and that is this building, the architecture, and the surroundings of the building that makes the Capitol of Nebraska what it is. So I think a lot of that went into the committee as well, and I would remind my good friend, Senator Withem, that in a bill that went through earlier, if there is some problems with this type of beautification, as he called it, remember there is \$250,000 elsewhere in the budget that went on that went to Omaha for an arboretum that was part of a river front type of operation. And I would assume if we are going to take the philosophy that this is simply beautification, we don't need it, we want to be consistent and go back and relook at that, revisit that Omaha \$250,000 on Select File, so that we can at least be consistent, and I don't think we want to do that. The Legislature has already said that is a good process for Omaha. This one, historically, is the same type of process for Lincoln, but it is not just for Lincoln, it is for all Nebraskans because they do have something, a lot of things in common. The one thing they have in common, in particular, is that they do have a love and respect of this particular building and something that we, especially, can call ours, because, believe me, there is nothing like it anywhere in the country, and that is worth investing in, and that is what this does. Thank you.

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

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. Golly, gee whiz, I feel just like the grinch that stole Christmas. You've almost convinced me but not quite. Senator Moore, this is not a question, by the way, but when the quarter across the road comes up for sale, and you don't have any money, you don't buy it. I weathered the depression in agriculture and survived. I don't think it is wise for all of the good reasons to be denying good programs, essential programs, programs that are valuable to the people of Nebraska, in whole and in particular, because of this particular appropriation. It is not much. I remember being nearly laughed off the floor several times the past two sessions over an attempt to get \$30,000 for research into chinch bugs, \$30,000 a year. A little article in