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have answered your concerns about State funds and expenditure thereof. There is no intention for the expenditure of State funds for this study.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I would like to question Senator Barnett for a moment.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Will you answer, Senator Barnett?

SENATOR KOCH: Presently, whose responsibility is it for the condition of this Building?

SENATOR BARNETT: There is a Building Advisory Commission for this building.

SENATOR KOCH: Who serves on that, do you know?

SENATOR BARNETT: I think there is five members and I cannot tell you who they all are. I have to be honest with you.

SENATOR KOCH: Are they appointed by the Governor?

SENATOR BARNETT: I am sure they are. I don't believe they are elected.

SENATOR KOCH: The point I would want to make is that are we trying to accomplish something through another Advisory Committee because of the ineptness of the present commission who has allowed this building to fall into, what I think, is considerable disrepair?

SENATOR BARNETT: I think the way we started out with the original resolution that was true because we did include the Capitol in it but there was great rattling of the cans from a section of this building and we had to take that part out and we are now concerned with the environs and I certainly agree with Senator Schmit and yourself in your concern for this Capitol, but I am sorry to tell you that there was no way that they would stand by and let this resolution be adopted if it included the Capitol.

SENATOR KOCH: One other question, Senator Barnett, and I think we both know the answer. What about the safety of this building in terms of fire? Would this get to that issue as well or are we only talking about maintaining the beauty of the building and the environs outside?

SENATOR BARNETT: Not this resolution, it doesn't have anything to do with fire safety.

SENATOR KOCH: I think it is interesting, isn't it, when we are concerned about all the schools in this state and how they should abide by the code but here we, as Legislators, allow ourselves to sit here and this building is a firetrap, too. I am glad I don't have an office