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I, too, agree with Senator Coordsen that overall I think the Department of Roads is doing a credible job, but my personal experience in putting up a commercial building with a concrete floor in it, wired, was round \$10 a square foot. That's a long ways from \$60, and that building has already withstood several major wind storms, hasn't fallen apart. So it is a commercial grade building and I think it's a good one. I question this \$60 a square foot. I just think that we can come back to this next year, if need be, with a deficit appropriation, as Senator Coordsen suggested. We, in the meantime, can get some answers, and I also would like to know about the brine buildings and salt sheds. I...I see several of them here and I know out in our area they're stored out, the salt-gravel mixture is simply stored in a pile out there, and I don't know whether that's something they're going to come back with another year and want some buildings out in my district or not. But this gives us an opportunity to examine it a little closer and we can come back next year with a deficit appropriation if we need and address it then. So I certainly support Senator Coordsen's amendment and commend him for bringing it. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of the body, I want to stand and support Senator Coordsen's amendment. I realize that maybe they are trying to build good buildings that last for a long time, but I built one that...on my ranch that we did it ourselves but it's just down around \$9 or \$10 a square foot, and that's a 40 by 50 with insulation and cement. So it's something that I think we should look at a little closer and get a little farther down the road. Maybe this would give them an incentive to really check on the other bids on the rest of them and they might come up with the same dollars that...on this that they would have to go back in the roads, even if they did that. So that's what I'm kind of concerned about. And maybe they wouldn't have to put cement in the buildings just for backing equipment in it, and if they wanted to put cement in, it could always be put in later and put it on another budget little later to add the cement, because that don't have to be run at the same time, especially if it's on a footing or poles. Either way, you could run the cement later. So I think this is a good idea to