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has been given away over the last ten years, to maintain essential assets. One of the basic problems that you have in a public institution that you don't have in a private institution is that you have a different set of budget constraints. If you're working for a private institution you realize that you had...you cannot let your assets decline. You have to maintain your machinery, you have to maintain the buildings, if you don't, there will be nothing with which you can make a living with...with which you can make a living, I'm sorry. This is not the same in a public institution. They're given a bottom line and then you work upward. When the pressure is on, you are going to cut what people will notice the least, and that's preventive maintenance, and in some cases direct maintenance. No businessman would ever allow that to happen, if he had any sense of staying in business, because you have to have a good building, you have to have adequate machinery, you have to keep up with technology, and so you spend your depreciation. In some cases a good many businesses have a policy that they have to spend more than their depreciation and only for the reason that they want to be an ongoing and viable concern. When the bureaucrats are making up a public budget, nobody sees maintenance. Things are as they always have been, and so they defer it; we'll get more money later and we can take care of it. Then something breaks. And you can look at public buildings, no wait a minute, you don't have to go anywhere. If some of you want to look at a public building and think you're going to have to go out and travel around, look at the one we're in. Seventy years old or so since its inception; I happened to see 1930 on the base on which the sewer stands. Maintenance was deferred again and again and again on this building. Finally, somebody woke up and said, too much, we've waited too long. Well we're waiting too long elsewhere. This is only one example. Now you see the scaffolding and every day it's brought home to you that we had to do something about the Capitol Building, but there are other state buildings. Senator Thompson was talking, several years ago, about Geneva. You can go out to Hastings, you can go here to the Lincoln Regional Center,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: ...these buildings need to be maintained. The