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keep buildings from deteriorating. You start raiding the funds that have a little bit of money built up in them, and that's what we did. We took the money, and if we keep those mechanisms in place and keep our mitts off them, then there will be the money to be able to do the things that we need to do to sustain the buildings. One of the big surprises to me when I started serving on the building task force was a question that was posed to a staff member about what was on the list of projects, and some rise higher and some are lower, and what...and they get on the list because an agency proposes them. And the thought was, well, once the task force personnel went out and looked at all these buildings, that maybe some of them that the people from the agencies thought were so bad maybe weren't quite as bad. And actually, what happens is the reverse, that once you get the people out there to look at them, things are a lot worse than you...than the people who are working in those buildings find out. So we have lots and lots of serious issues. This helps us move the university and state college system issues along a little faster. And I appreciate your attention this afternoon. But for those of you who aren't term limited, the reason we got in this mess in the first place is because we set up these processes and then we raid them. So as long as we have the good times ahead of us, the revenue keeps coming in, we'll be able to do things without having to create these specialized funds to be able to deal with it. But the fact was, situation was bad. We have tried to move them along a little faster through this bonding mechanism. Thank you, and I urge your advancement of the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. You've heard the closing on advancement of LB 605. The question before the body is, shall LB 605 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor of the motion vote aye; opposed, nay. You may now vote. Have you all voted who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 605 advances. Mr. Clerk, LB 605A.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 605A, introduced by Senator