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many more, but the time is short. I would like to tell you some of the other things that they are doing. One is, for the first time in the history of the state we know how many buildings we have, we know the condition they are, we know what they are used for, and everything that should be known about the buildings. They are now on computer and we are running the State of Nebraska and the over a billion dollars worth of buildings like a business, and I think that is good. This primarily has been preventive maintenance, getting the buildings up in shape. There has also been a lot of energy saving because when a new roof goes on, there is insulation put with this roof and the thousands and millions of dollars that have been saved in energy is great. We have been able to match federal funds for energy saving when this takes place. Last year alone there were \$700,000 in federal funds used because we had the money available to cooperate with the federal government. The most important parts of 309 is the functions of the Task Force. No monies are allocated until an onsite inspection and report is made by the Task Force. Training seminars for state employees on boiler operations, water treatment, general roof maintenance, and these things, are given regularly. We know how now to take care of the buildings and the machinery, the whole bit that the state owns. I am going to offer an amendment on Select File to delete one little portion that the University of Nebraska asked us and that is to take out that it could be used for air conditioning and heating. We don't need that, and that certainly will be deleted. I am sure that....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR COPE: One minute? I would like to say this, the Capitol is one of the best examples of 309 funds. Now there has been other funds used, but 309 has...there is a lot of, and I say millions of dollars gone into the Capitol Building and you see what it is. I hope you take this seriously. I hope we have a unanimous vote on the floor to continue 604 which means 309 for another three years.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Cope just answered one of my two questions in indicating that the air conditioning provision will be eliminated on Select File. The second question I have and it really is a question, Senator Cope, if you