

SENATOR HALL: And those were all through the university system? They are all employed by either UNMC or the board of regents or anyone like that?

SENATOR WARNER: They are outside...some of these are outside firms. They also had inside people, of course, but...

SENATOR HALL: Right, but they were employed by the university is what I'm saying.

SENATOR WARNER: I believe that would be correct.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, thank you very much. I rise again in support of Senator Schmit's amendment. Senator Haberman, I didn't know we had two schools of pharmacy, but I guess if we do, we could always let the one in Omaha fall down, which it's probably going to do anyway, but this is clearly an issue of should we do this, I guess. We are appropriating here close to, if not almost exactly the same amount of money I think that originally went into the construction of this building in order to repair it. And I understand that there has been considerable, from looking at the chronological order of events that have taken place, considerable work done on determining what the problem is, or I guess who is at, if anyone, is at fault, but all of that has, virtually all of that I think based on what I read and what Senator Warner stated, has come through the university itself. We're in the process or I'm in the process of drafting an amendment to have the Legislature take a look at this issue, the Executive Board, and appropriating monies at this time only for that study until we have a good idea of what it is that we're paying for I guess and why we are paying for it. I think clearly when the building is about to fall down, it probably needs to be fixed, but it would sure be nice to know why it is falling down, why the structural defects are there on approximately a 15-year-old building and why we are going to be looking at spending nearly \$3 million on a building that less than I think, or approximately two years ago was the pharmacy school was put on the chopping block by the chancellor of the med center.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Could we hold it down, please. It's getting difficult to hear the speaker. Thank you, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. The issue is, again, I guess a matter of...