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we're insulated. You can't have a coordinating commission that does anything because they can't exercise any control of the university, what it amounts to. But now, but now that something went wrong...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...we have to ante up, we have to ante up \$2.8 million and I guess my opinion is that it's a management decision, it's a management problem. There's a half a billion dollar budget in the university system and I think that the university, the board of regents should at least come up with, if not all the money, at least with my subsequent amendment, come up with some more of the money to help pay for this problem. And I think it's very, very unfair that because a lot of people screwed up, in my opinion, from the board of regents to the past people, the medical center, I mean, I feel sorry for Charlie Andrews. He's kind of like Pat Jones down at Oklahoma State, he has to live with the problem that Jimmy Johnson created years ago and Charlie Andrews and the present UNMC staff is kind of like that. But the fact of the matter is, if you just simply don't do nothing and appropriate this total sum of money, we've bailed everybody out and who is the person that has to pay for everybody's mistakes, from the contractor to the architects to the board of regents to the med center, it's the taxpayer of the State of Nebraska and maybe it's out of frustration and I don't know exactly what the total solution is. I think we need to take a good, hard look at this and I guess I would heartily endorse Senator Schmit's and obviously I've co-sponsored Senator Schmit's amendment here because I have a little frustration with what is going on here. With that, I urge adoption of the Schmit amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, followed by Senator Lynch and Schmit.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I think I would like to ask Senator Moore a question since we've got him all fired up now.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, would you respond.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: As I understand it, Senator Moore, there were actually two engineers that said the building was safe and one that said that it had to be redone with the Leo Daly Company