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SENATOR SMITH: Senator Moore, would you take the rest of my time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, would you like some more time?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I think Senator Schmit has something to say and there's another amendment at some point in time, whenever, but, I really wanted to wait for my opening on the next amendment before I really went through this, if that's all right with Senator Smith. Okay.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pirsch, your light is on.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. I guess in reading a letter that I received from Chancellor Andrews I was struck with the fact that not only did the university specifications of a 100 pounds per square foot met, but they didn't even meet the building code requirements of 60 pounds per square foot which I assume is the building code of the City of Omaha. And, Senator Wehrbein, at these discussions did any of the city code or city officials' responsibility come up?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, I don't know that that was raised specifically. We did talk about the 100 pounds load that was required and that is generally agreed by a question that we had that they do not meet the code and the building was poorly designed. That is an after the fact statement.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Was it established that the City of Omaha had responsibility to inspect this building while it was being...?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm not aware of unless it was in the Supreme Court decision which I haven't read completely. I'm not involved...assured where the City of Omaha came into this. I don't know that. It may be in that court opinion. I didn't see that.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. Well I just wanted to raise this issue also and think that we should indeed discuss all of the aspects of this fiasco.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, yours is the last light.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I just turned it on. I'm so surprised that