

responsibility to the taxpayer to try to minimize such an event if at all possible. I would hope that we would, as Senator Schimek has pointed out, Senator Goodrich, Senator Warner, get more information to find out from Dr. Andrews a little more of the scenario, ask very frankly what is being done in the future to protect against this sort of thing, and as I said earlier when I introduced the amendment, that if in the event we did pass my amendment, we really haven't saved any money because the time will come when we're going to have to replace it and the university has to so...as we say, eat this up, just a matter of their having to come back to us in some other area for some other funds. So except for the exercise in frustration and elimination which we hope has taken place here, we really don't have any better alternative. As I said earlier, if it costs a million bucks to destroy the place, to demolish it, that's not small money either. If we build a fence around it and let it fall down, it would probably stay there another 50 or 100 years. And so I think that one...there is one point I'd like to make. That is that all too often in our own interests to be frugal, we go for the cheap bid and the cheap construction cost and I look at this building here which is built, they tell me, to last for 500 years, and I think that sometimes we like to go for building a lean-to on a structure when we ought to look more toward lasting kinds of structures and not perhaps, and I'm not encouraging and hope that Dr. Andrews doesn't take this as a signal from myself to expand the outpatient treatment center by another 60 percent next year, but I do think that it behooves us to look for good, solid construction and not try to go for obsolescence in buildings where they fall down by design every 50 years. This is a little fast, I have to confess that, ten years is not very long. But nonetheless, we do not really plan for longevity when we build many of our structures and we ought to encourage the engineering to do so. One more point I think would be kind of interesting if our engineering school themselves might have a little on job training by having their students do a little investigation and calculation and...

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SENATOR SCHMIT: ...try to work out some kind of a system whereby they might double check and triple check this kind of design work. With that, Mr. President, I withdraw the amendment. I apologize for the time we've taken, but I do