

believe that it has been well spent. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is offered by Senator Moore.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, quite simply I think Senator Schmit was wise to withdraw that amendment because he stated you can rob Peter to pay Paul but you still have to do something, but what this amendment would do quite simply, is take the total cost of reconstructing the building which is projected about \$3.4 million and divides it in half and quite simply we'll have the state pay for half the problem and have the university system, whether that be the med center or the total system, pay the other half of the problem and I offer this amendment in good faith because I really, really believe that something...there's enough blame to go around and there's a variety of governmental entities that have to share in the blame and share in the cost. Well, Senator Schmit, he is correct that it's all out of the taxpayers' dollars, it's one of those things like I got in trouble more than once when I was a young kid and sometimes I had to learn a lesson. Maybe this is a million dollar lesson but I think somebody has to make it clear if they are going to make mistakes like this, you have to pay the cost for them and then I think it can be done and I want to read for you just...the last thing I want to read from the Supreme Court advance sheets, page 684 and it's finding and so it says, the record shows that cracks were discovered in the walls of the College of Pharmacy Building as early as April of 1977. The university personnel observed and monitored the cracks as they increased in length, width and number between '77 and '82. In the summer of '82 a new university employee was sufficiently concerned about the cracking that he recommended hiring another engineering firm to investigate the problem. On December 1, 1982, the new engineering firm reported to the university that the cracks were caused by deflection of the floor slabs and made a recommendation for repairs. The structural engineer testified that if the university...this is the person not testifying at the court, the structural engineer testified that if the university had asked him in 1982 to inspect the building as to its structural strength, he would have done so and would have reached the same conclusions later reached in 1984. But, in