

fact, the university declined that structural engineer's offer to access, to assess the question of responsibility or liability for the crack conditions of the brick. So here was a, construction engineer came in and said there is a problem with this, do you want me to check it out? And the university said, no, we have an architect who says everything is fine. Well then in the final part of the report, I mean of the opinion, the court says we agree with the district court that in addition to the yearly appearance of cracks, within five months of the completion of the building and the unusual magnitude persistence and enlarging of the cracks, the report in December 1 of 1982 should have alerted the university to the fact that it had serious problems with the College of Pharmacy Building. Well, they didn't do anything in '82, they didn't do anything in '83 and eventually in '84 they discovered there was a real problem. By the time they got around to suing the general contractor and the engineer, the statute of limitations had ran out, there is nothing much we can do, they say. Well I'm not a...once again, I'm not an attorney but I've got to believe when somebody screws up that bad from all the way down the line, there's still got to be some avenue we could recover some costs from some of those people that are to blame. And I think if we simply appropriate \$2.8 million, there is no reason for the University of Nebraska or anyone to go back out there and try and get some money out of the people that were at fault. Because if the taxpayer just antes up, the problem is solved, there's a new building put up and it's safe, there is no reason, there is no incentive to go out there and make some people pay for making some very costly mistakes and this amendment, as I mentioned, quite simply would say to the State of Nebraska, we recognize we have to do this, the General Fund would pick up half the cost, the University of Nebraska is going to pick up the other half of the cost. And unfortunately, it's probably true the med center is where the money is going to come from but I think it's something, as I stated before, the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, going back to 1977 before, you know, they always say that the Legislature can't tell them, basically cannot tell them what to do, they run the place by themselves, we give them money, they spend it as they wish and they manage it. And they always use that whenever we try and tell them to do something. But now is the case where for a variety of reasons, the General Fund is the Cash Fund to bail this problem out and I simply have a big problem with that. Now Senator Schmit says there is a...you know, the university, they're going to get it some place else and that's true, but going back to another of our related