

that within a year. But I don't know that something is wrong with my cat for after a year, it's a latent thing that comes up, he's left a sponge in the abdomen or whatever, and so I couldn't know until something shows up later. So what the courts say, there is no way I could know, and only when I could know or could take some steps after I've had some knowledge, some cause of action comes to my mind could I file a suit against him. And in the case of this building the building may have been structurally defective, maybe not. But there is no way that the people could know until we had an inspector or an engineer come in and say, yes, the problem isn't just facial cracks. The problem is there is some deflection in the floor and we have some problems with our columns, maybe we have some problem with columns. When the engineer said that, and that was I think in 1982, that's fully six years after the building, that was the first time that anybody could say while the architect may have been wrong. But before that time they didn't know. So once the university had that knowledge that maybe there was something wrong then the time clock runs. The clock says you've got one year to go after that. That is the time period that ran out. Then there is an overall statute of repose, ten years that says no matter what is wrong everything runs out in ten years. But we didn't actually get to that clock.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Just a minute, Gary, because I feel we probably have to go ahead and do this, as bad as I hate it. But do we need an inhouse investigation at some time? Was there people in the university system or state employees that were very negligent in their duties? Although we can do nothing about it now, if we determine that, I still think somebody has to be accountable, do they not? I mean I don't know what happened at your hearing. I don't know if university people were involved or not, and I suppose they're gone by now.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I can tell you this, Senator Korshoj, after the briefings that we have had on two or three different occasions I am certainly comfortable that the University of Nebraska Medical Center people that we're talking about are not at fault.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Well, thank you. See, I didn't understand that. And I'll just say it one more time, it looks like we probably should go ahead and fix it, decide how to pay for it, and God bless us all. (Laughter.) Thank you.