

progress apparently, but in 1987, prior to the time that the study was completed, this state started upon a more massive reassessment of tax policy than we had done in many, many years. When the early versions of the study came down it was apparent that the early versions refuted most of what we were doing on this floor. Well, Senator Vard Johnson, being very ambivalent and having been the prime proponent of the study and also the prime supporter of some of those new tax laws, took it upon himself, did not deny it, I accused him of it several times, to bring out the abridged version of the Syracuse study which then came down somewhat different than the preliminary version's, so we have the study. So what have we done with it? Absolutely nothing, absolutely nothing. We have \$350,000 we spent to do nothing. A couple of years ago, now a year and three months ago, the university medical school came to this body with a proposed \$29 million improvement plan for the medical school. I opposed that because I said we were not qualified to study the issue, to pass judgment on the issue. It was our responsibility to approve or disapprove the method of funding. Nonetheless, this body 30-3 voted to approve that proposal. So what happens? This year the medical school comes back again, only they have a slightly different version, 46 or \$47 million this one was going to cost and they said we want you to know, this is a totally new version. So I reminded you, you don't make any points or gather any friends or influence any people on this floor by reminding them of errors, but I said if we were right last year to approve the \$29 million study, we're wrong this year to approve this one. But again this year, on a vote of 30-3, we approved the project, not the financing, but the project, the concept. And at that time I cautioned the group because I said the Certificate of Need Committee would be influenced by what this Legislature did. Well, certificate of need on a very narrow vote, 4-3, said that the project couldn't be justified. I wonder what it would have been had we not put our stamp of approval on it, but we did that. Now again, don't make any friends by reminding you of that or the results. In the meantime, lo and behold, the university discovered, the medical school discovered that the College of Pharmacy was falling down, came as a great surprise to them. For some reason they didn't know it when they came in here with the proposal to rebuild the medical school. So then the Appropriations Committee very graciously comes through with two and a half or 2.6 million bucks to pay the second time for a building which did not perform properly the first time. Now I understand we're going to do a little bit of that same remedial work with the