

these changes need to be made to this extent. There has been varying judgments as to whether or not this proposal needs to be handled in this manner. Experts disagree. Experts disagree as to whether or not the restructuring to this extent needs to take place. Experts disagree whether or not there is any structural fault with the building. And then you have got an individual who was responsible for design that says if there's liability, I probably would sit down and talk about that. Well, has that or has that not taken place? What has happened over those last 12 to 13 years with regard to this building from the point where from the earliest was...the same year that the building was opened structural problems were found but yet there was total lack of response to those issues and, basically, no one has borne the responsibility for seeing that there was any liability or any ramifications come from that. What we have done is just basically said, well, okay, nobody dealt with it, now we've got the problem that's to the extent we have professional studies that say we have to fix it, let's go in and appropriate the money to do that. Well, that's fine...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...and if that's what we need to do, I say then we need to do it. But, at this point in time, I think there is enough discrepancy out there, enough uncertainty with regard to whether or not this is the right approach that we should not, at this point in time, appropriate nearly \$3 million to rebuild a building that is 13 years old that we're not sure who is responsible and exactly why nothing has happened to date prior to this. There is enough uncertainty that I think we need to have an independent study of our own before we appropriate this kind of money for this project. I also notice that the guarantee that the Leo Daly company talks about is not a...necessarily a guarantee. They are confident that when they're done there won't be any problems but they won't guarantee anything. So we're going to spend another roughly \$3.5 million and not...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...have anything that's guaranteed. I would urge the body to adopt the Withem amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, followed by Senator Elmer.