

it was...they are not at fault. The engineers, the contractor, and, as a matter of fact, the architects, I believe, say, as Senator Hall said, that the building is sound. So why are we doing this at all? Because we have had other engineers come in and say the building is not sound. It doesn't sound, not only calculating the structural members, not only calculating on paper like a mathematical formula engineers do, but it's also not sound based on what we see happening, based on what little testing we are allowed to do. It's not sound, it's dangerous. I have a good friend, who shall stay nameless but who is in a position of authority and position to know about these kinds of things in his profession, who I talked to and he said, you shouldn't ought to rebuild this thing. It doesn't need to be done. And I said, why? And he said, because it's probably safe. I said, probably? He said, probably. I said, and what if it isn't? What if it isn't? And that's exactly what the chancellor and what the university said to us. We have had conflicting reports. Senator Hall and Senator Withem pointed out we have conflicting reports. I can tell you that at one point, at one point on conversation they were not conflicting. We had people who have reversed their situation, at one point saying it probably is maybe understructured, maybe it is not quite correct. Now one of those people have changed their mind and said, no, it's okay. The problem is, what if it isn't? As Senator Schmit points out, we don't want to lose any life. What if it does cause some problems? No matter what our mathematical calculations go through and say, and, by the way, a physical testing cannot be done for \$100,000. Load testing is the only answer that you can do and the way the structure is done it has to be done in every single quarter, excuse me, eighth, if you will, of that building because it's built up into basically eight different sections and each one of them would have to be load tested and it can't be done without removing existing shore-up procedures we have done already. And, number two, it can't be done without a possibility, and a high possibility, of creating damage. So I don't know for sure what the answer is. And I hope we have some good discussion because I'm not entirely sure what the answer is. I would love not to have to spend \$2.7 million. I can tell you what will happen if we do delay. We will render the building useless for a year.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The building will be, for all practical purposes, not occupied for one year. We have gone through a