

can fall. That's why it became an emergency.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Lowell Johnson, Schmit and Hall.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this discussion reminds me of that fairy tale song or children's song, London Bridge Is Falling Down, and I'm sure if London Bridge had been falling down, they wouldn't have gone to the same person who constructed it to do anything about saying that nothing is wrong with it, then if something is, he would correct it, unless they said this time it will be off with your head if the job is not properly done. I think when you get into large amounts of money, large construction projects, there is a tendency for people to look the other way and do favors for each other and push business toward friends. In this particular situation, from what I heard discussed briefly, architects don't want to take the responsibility. The engineers don't want to take the responsibility. Senator Korshoj suggested that it could be workmanship and it could be material. There could have been inferior material. Nobody is responsible but I know who is, Senator Robak. Caspar, the friendly ghost. Caspar is the one who does everything that nobody is responsible for but the taxpayers pick up the bill and these shadowy people in the background who created the problem in the first place, who are supposed to be experienced, who are supposed to understand things, who know how when you scale up a project what the volume is, what the increase in volume is in proportion to the increase of surface, they're supposed to know all those things. They went to school for it. They're trained in it. But if they have a history and a record of not calculating properly and every time they build a bridge that falls down, then it's not wise to keep going back to that same person. But I would like to ask Senator Hannibal a question based on what he had discussed earlier.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Senator Hannibal, would you respond to a question?

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Senator Hannibal, this is with reference to a couple of the things you said during your discussion I would like to ask you a question about. You had mentioned these perpendicular columns. When these columns were put in place is it...and the engineer who looked at it feels that they...looked at them feel they might buckle, is it that the material from