

which they're constructed is not sufficiently strong to bear the weight that is upon them, or is it that the weight to be supported is too great for this type or size of column no matter what it had been constructed of if it were not steel? And then it might be inferior steel. But what was the basis for him reaching his conclusion?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The basis was, Senator Chambers, that the plan showed that you had a certain grade of steel and a type of beam that was supposed to be in there to support this weight.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-huh.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: And also it was to be augmented by other materials around it that probably shouldn't have helped it, I mean, weren't calculated to help it but would have, on a practical basis, helped it. They thought that the column itself was marginal in its design and when they drilled into the area to see, because they're completely covered with brick,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-huh.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: ...they drilled in and found out that they also were not augmented by concrete, that they said if they were marginal in design to begin with, that augmentation of the additional concrete that wasn't there made it even more marginal, more precipitous.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And on who would the responsibility rest for that faulty design if it is faulty design?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: If it were faulty design, it would rest on the engineer or the architectural...the structural subcontractor or the engineer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there a company that would be in a position to oversee all of this?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The architect and the structural engineer would be the people that would be designing that and the general contractor is required to put those materials in place.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Based on what you have heard, do you think there is a likelihood of that predic...of that speculation turning into a reality that these columns may buckle? Or don't