

part of the study would include the time frame with regard...or the urgency with regard to the repairs. So if it could be put off until the summer of 1990, that would be possible. It could be determined through the testing or if it was noted that there was immediate need to begin that, I guess then at that point in time there would be disruption within the building and there would have to be some juggling. In any case, we would know full well and through independent study that that would take place.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, thank you. I would just like to say I guess I still oppose the amendment. As I have been thinking about this, I don't know that delay will serve any useful purpose. One of the reasons the Appropriations Committee recommended to proceed with this and I think it was brought out in the first debate on this issue is that by delaying we're going to cost additional money. This building is being used limitedly now but it needs to be used much more extensively. By delaying, by using testing, by studying more, we're going to increase the cost of finding alternative classrooms. We're going to delay research that is ongoing in this particular building and, really, the bottom line is still going to be we're going to have the ethical problem to solve the moral responsibility that we have to have a safe building. And testing may or may not serve a useful purpose but whether...even when it's said and done are we going to be a 100 percent assured that the building is really safe? We haven't had that assurance so far, in fact, it appears to me, as I read over the court decisions and read over some of the summary of this, many of these solutions now being offered, it appears to me, could have been offered five years ago and not be down here to the last minutes of this debate offering to do some things. It's kind of interesting why so much of this hit in the last 30 days when we are now down to the need for doing some things and spending some money. I think that we need to be assured that it's correct. We might be able to get away with this in our private life, take a gamble, not be assured that it's safe, but I don't think in the public situation we can even gamble one life. And if the testing would even then come in positive, I don't know that it would be assured, would it be guaranteed? I just don't think we can justify the risk in the way the building is being used. And testing, as I understand it, as explained to me, is still...and it may...

PRESIDENT: One minute.