

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...and it may, in reality, possibly further damage the building. We are using experts on both sides of this issue. I realize it kind of makes an interesting situation. We have experts on both sides and we, as laymen, in most cases are going to be asked to decide the...the...really, the conclusion to this study or at least the conclusion of this issue. So I would say maybe we're going to have to make the decision on something other than what is...who is libel, where it should be. We may need to really make our decision in the final analysis on what is the safest, what is the most appropriate from a public standpoint, what is the most useful way to continue this building for the next 40 years which we have been assured that if we would remodel it properly, repair it properly, that it will be good for the next 40 or 50 years, much as any other building. That, in reality, I think may...should be our final decision and delaying this ultimate decision I don't believe will actually accomplish that much. The building will not be used for another month, meanwhile...or another year. The clock is going to continue to run. The expenses are going to continue to mount. I would urge us to repair the building to the...in it's most efficient way and move on from there.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hannibal is next, followed by Senator Owen Elmer. But may I introduce some guests, please, in the north balcony of Senator Peterson. We have 46 fourth grade students from Lincoln and Northern Hill Schools in Norfolk, Nebraska and their teachers. Would you teachers and students please stand so we may recognize you. Senator Hannibal, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I'm going to suggest that we reject the amendment before us and it's not an easy thing to suggest for me because I am in full cognizance of what Senator Hall and Senator Withem are concerned with and I share the concerns. I have come down on the issue to say that I don't want to close the school down for a year or close the college down and have them all go into temporary quarters for a year so that this could happen because it appeared to me that the probability of these tests proving that the Daly architects are correct is pretty high and unless they would be proven absolutely to the point of guaranteeing or certified or taking on the liability that the tests are incorrect, then we would still be faced with a major policy issue as to whether we want to take a chance on that building standing, based on calculations or not. The issue is whether you want to close the school down or not for the year while it