

SENATOR HANNIBAL: ...I will offer an amendment to pull this thing out and do it.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: If they come back and say then, no, we've got to do this and we have no way to take a chance and we can't stand the liability issue, then I would say we go ahead and pass the bill. That's what I would offer and I would recommend that we not approve the amendment even though it's in good faith and I understand the problems. And I will pledge to you that I will try to find some additional information between now and Final Reading.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Owen Elmer is next but the Speaker has a couple of announcements that we should listen to first. Senator Barrett.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, thanks for letting me interrupt the discussion. Again, a reminder that the Nebraska Futures meeting originally scheduled for four-fifteen tonight will be...is rescheduled for five o'clock. It will adjourn before six o'clock and I would encourage all of you to attend in Room 1117. Also, a reminder that the free Cancer Screening Clinic is now under way, as announced previously, in Room 2102. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Owen Elmer, please, followed by Senator Withem.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment that's been offered by Senator Withem and Senator Hall is basically the same...has the same problems as the earlier amendment we were discussing before lunch. I think we need to be realistic. The university, the Board of Regents, the administration, the people at the University Medical Center have looked at this over a several-year period and reluctantly reached the conclusion that the risk that we run by leaving the building, the doubts that we have about the structure, leave us no alternative but to fix the building or to destroy the building. And I feel this way, when we vote on this kind of an amendment that we are taking the University Medical Center Pharmacy College into consideration and if we vote for it, we are voting to scale down and perhaps address whether we want a pharmacy college at the University Medical Center. If we vote against this amendment, we are