

are not children on this floor. We are not children on this floor. We are adults and we have a right to ask reasonable questions and have reasonable answers and a situation does not become critical in 60 days. I have said it on this floor, I do not want to endanger life and limb, but somebody ought to be in danger of a job for not having explained to this body three months ago, or a year ago, or two years ago, or five years ago that there was difficulty up there with the pharmacy building. Certainly, it had to come to the attention of the Appropriations Committee and it had to be brought to the attention of some other people. But all we heard about it was what little bit we read about in the press. Now we have conflicting experts talking about what can be done and what should be done. But heavy, heavy hangs over the head of anyone who says, do we really need to spend the 2.7 million? I'll be very frank with you, I would like to see the money spent on a new headquarters building at Mead, if it does need to be spent there. I'm sure that 48 other persons here can find someplace to spend that money if it's not needed there. If it is needed, then you have to make that decision. But to spend it unnecessarily without knowing for sure ought to be something we do very deliberately. I would like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question if I could, please, because the question has been touched upon only obliquely on this floor as to whether or not anything of this nature has ever happened before. I believe there was an appropriation suggested by Senator Wehrbein to repair the greenhouses at the University of Nebraska. Senator Wehrbein, would you outline for the body what and why and to what extent the greenhouses need to be repaired and do you have an explanation as to why they need those repairs? And, hopefully, you won't take up too much time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wehrbein, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would be happy to respond to that and I will try to do so briefly. The greenhouses were built in 1976 on the East Campus. As I understand it, the original appropriation was not adequate to...or the appropriation actually was adequate to do it. There was some money vetoed back out of that and so, as a result, they reduced the size of the buildings. They put on a cheaper skin or plastic covering, if you will, reduced the quality of the aeration system, electric motors and so forth, in an effort to come in with a bid or with the amount of money that was appropriated. As a result, the lifetime...or the life span of that building has not been