

aye, opposed nay. Shall debate now cease? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate does not cease. Further discussion on the Hall amendment. Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit. Senator Hannibal, followed by Senators Wehrbein, Warner and Hall. Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker, I realize that debate's going on a lot longer than many people like but I would like to respond to a couple of questions that were posed by Senator Withem and maybe one of the main reasons why we have this whole problem before us. The question was, why haven't we done this before? Why haven't we looked at outside entities reevaluating the existing calculations on the structural soundness of the building? And the answer is we have, about four times. We had different areas look at...different firms and different entities look at the situation. As a matter of fact, as a matter of fact probably the main reason why we have consternation right now on this floor is the fact that one of the articles you saw in the newspaper by one of the engineers that looked at the calculations and said it's structurally sound is the same engineer that sat down with the Daly engineers and said, I made a mistake in my calculations, you are right, and I am wrong; and suggested that the Daly's engineer calculations that the building was not structurally sound was the proper conclusion. But then that same engineer goes back to his home office and sits down and does some other things and says, no, never mind, I'm wrong. Or when the reporter calls him and says, was it structurally sound or wasn't it? And he said, no, it is structurally sound. So, all of a sudden, we have the press trying to interpret what the engineer said and the engineer, himself, vacillated and eventually said, no, it's probably wrong. The facts are that it was done several times. The facts are that the...one of the men are saying that it was structurally sound, now sat with the Daly engineers in conference, calculated, went over the calculations and said, you are correct, my original thoughts were wrong, it is not sound the way it is, it's a possible default situation, needs to be taken care of. And the press comes out and says, we've got conflicting results. And you have a UN-O Professor of Engineering who just reads and says, we've got conflicting arguments, seems to me we ought to go on further. By that time,