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possible future interest. Senator Hannibal said that he would, between now and Final Reading, get some information on the studies, have an independent group take a look at those numbers that were run by the Daly Company, and he has passed out a handout on the that specific issue to the body. I would like to hear what Senator Hannibal has to say about that, and I would yield the balance of my time to him, if he would explain that handout that he passed around.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal, would you like to do that, please?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Mr. President and members, as Senator Hall pointed out, I did have handed out to you, you should have it on your desk, I realize there is a myriad of papers on your desk, but it should have come up relatively high in your pile because it came out just as we came back into session. It is a cover letter by me. More importantly, the next two pages is a report that has been brought back. As Senator Hall pointed out on Select File when he and Senator Withem offered the amendment to study the issue, I made a pledge to you that I would talk with the university officials and see if we could come up with yet another independent opinion of the calculations run by Daly, and the university officials were very cooperative with me. As a matter of fact, I suggested names, names of some engineering firms that would be outside of the City of Omaha, as a matter of fact outside the university system, that would be considered reputable companies with a peer form of objectivism as they look at these calculations, and they were able to work with a company called Black and Veatch out of Kansas City, which is a national company of great repute, and has been in business for, I think, 100 years, and I have checked with some people in Omaha in the business, as a matter of fact, with some organizations in Omaha in the business, to suggest and asked their opinion, and they said, why, of course, Black and Veatch is a very reputable company and they would be a company that people would think would be very objective in this situation. We had a very short turnaround time because it is important that we read this bill because of not necessarily this issue, this is one issue that is very important that we go ahead with quickly, but also some other issues in LB 812. So they were able to work with them on a very short time line. As a matter of fact, they had these people into town last week, towards the end of the week, and had some reports made up over the weekend. Took the calculations from Daly Corporation, who also were very cooperative, and took

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