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why it needs to be repaired quickly is because we can do it with only the disruption of one semester of class, that being the fall semester coming up. If we hold off any longer, we are going to be disrupting for a year. It has already been disrupted for the last two months, three months, as emergency repairs are showing up, and I think to ask them to hold off for what... there is no question in my mind that future testing or calculations will come up with the same results, and to disrupt the college for an additional year doesn't make any sense to me at all. So I am hoping that Senator Hall after hearing this will withdraw his amendment and we can read the bill. I would point out that it does have the E clause, will require 33 votes to pass this. If the section is in there, you may have some concerns about it, I don't know. I am certainly comfortable. I would be very uncomfortable going any other way, but just as importantly, the other parts of 812 need to be enacted now, because if it doesn't become a law now, things like the renal care program, the nurses of the BDC, Beatrice State Developmental Center, the DMV funds, all those things wouldn't be able to go into law until August, would not be appropriate.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. You gave the remainder of your time, Senator Hall, did you not? Senator Withem, please, followed by Senator Abboud and Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Hall, you are not going to get off that easy because I have a question or two for you, too, if you would not mind responding.

PRESIDENT: Would you respond, please?

SENATOR WITHEM: As I recall, Senator Hall, you and I were the ones who were the most vocal on Select File offering a couple of different amendments to deal with this, and we are the ones that raised the most serious questions about whether sufficient study had taken place. My question to you is, what has been your access to the results of the Black and Veatch Architects study? How long have you had access to this information?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Withem, it was on my desk as Senator Hannibal pointed out. When I came up here, I checked it.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, have you had any conversations with anybody from the University of Nebraska, either central