

SENATOR NELSON: I think Senator Hannibal knows what I am going to ask him, but now I will take the opportunity and make it official. Some of us had the opportunity the other week or ten days ago, took the opportunity to view some films and show and so on of the poor construction, where corners were cut and, obviously, by the subcontractors and so on, on the Pharmacy College Building. What I am referring to, my limited knowledge in building construction, but I have a little tiny background in that, too, but, for example, the rebar not even reaching the wall that it is supposed to strengthen or rebar being in an inch instead of being in five or six inches into the six or eight inch cement wall; the very large roof span, the quality of the material in the ledge that the brick was put on, I wondered in your statement a little bit ago when there was no proof or anything of cutting corners or subcontractors not carrying out what they were really contracted to do, or, in essence, the contractor, I know the time ran out, and I am familiar with a case similar to that in Grand Island right now, can you respond to some of those building deficiencies? I thought there were a lot of deficiencies, and Senator Schmit has a good thing now, goodness, why are we hiring them to do the Kearney Building. Now I understand the university has two or three people specifically hired to oversee these construction projects which they didn't have at that time, you know, a lesson in hindsight is better than foresight.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Well, Senator Nelson, I realize we are on the previous issue, but since you asked, I will try to respond. My point earlier that I said was that no court ever determined that there was an underdesign problem by any parties involved in the design, by the construction of the design, architectural design, and that there was no deficiency with the construction of the building, any of the contractors or subcontractors. No court ever ruled on that because it never got to court because they said the statute of limitations had run out, so the Supreme Court said it is too late to even look at that issue. Whether or not there was some problems with the original design, the original structure, the original construction is somewhat moot with regard to this issue. That is about as far as I would want to go.

SENATOR NELSON: Sure, I realize that. Senator Schmit, would you like the rest of my time, or I think he is coming up after. I appreciate those answers and I, too, am...I don't know which