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to get funded on this floor of the Legislature and vote no from here on out. We no longer have to get 25 people to vote yes. What we have to do is get 25...fewer than 25 people that vote yes to pass this bill. And, at this point, I am going to vote no the rest of the way through on 812 and I'm going to urge other members of the body to do the same.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, followed by Senator Hall and Senator Hannibal. I think probably we ought to have a little more discussion, if you don't mind, please. Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I rise in opposition to advancing LB 812 back to Final Reading, so, Senator Withem, you have company. There will at least be two of us. The bill deals with two substantive issues that have been raised at every level of debate, the SSIG monies and the pharmacy building. The...I guess one could even raise the question with regard to why the pharmacy building is even in a deficit appropriation bill and that possibly it could have just been put into their budget and maybe that's where it should have gone or gone into the capital construction bill. But the fact of the matter is it's here and I think what it does is it points out, very clearly, the problems that we have dealing with different agencies of state government and the almost total lack of oversight that we have sometimes on specific projects and projects of, you know, serious magnitude with regard to the sheer numbers of dollars that are involved. Talking \$3.5 million project. We bled the other day...as a matter of fact, this project totals what we put into the budget and we bled on various votes for 50,000 for, you know, an aquacultural professor, or whatever it was, and various other things that are going to help a number of different people, but yet on a motion to at least have half of the money come out of the Med Center's budget, which it very well should, whether it be patient dollars or whether it be their budget, I don't care, it should come out of there. To reject the amendment that I offered earlier on Select File, the 10 percent, excuse me, to escrow the money, allow for the money to be set aside and to have a complete study that involved core sampling to understand and know full well that what we are doing or what we are about to do, with regard to the building, is the proper and right way to go. Nobody knows that. Nobody is absolutely sure of that. You have got one company that is...that has had a lock on how this is going to take place, and I find no fault with the Daly Company, but