

proponents of this issue stand on the floor and say they think it's a good idea, it significantly understates the frustrations that we went through, that I went through when the issue first came to us some three months ago. A chronology, if you will, of what we have tried to decide on this floor and the issue has been why do we need to do this. First of all, why should we pay for it or who should pay for it is the second issue and I think just recently expressed...well, not just recently, it's also been expressed earlier, why do we do it now? Why do we need to do it now? There is no question in my mind, there might be in some, that the building cannot stand the way it is, the way it was especially before it was shored up, and say...and let me say to myself that I, as a senator, have done the right thing for the people who are going to occupy that building. It cannot stand that way. We run tremendous risk of liability. We have done some intermediate shoring to make the building safe. It cannot stand in that form. If you take those things out, the building is right back to where it was. It cannot exist that way without us suffering some potential, serious, serious problems. Senator Moore suggested to you that, okay, he agrees something has to be done. In fact, most people, I think, have said something has to be done. Let's talk about who should pay for it. We talked about that at length in committee. We suggested that if there are some areas where the university, the Medical Center could control some cost, we're going to tell them, you have to eat those. It wasn't something they said, no problem coming up with \$600,000. They're very concerned about it. It's going to come from somewhere. Senator Moore suggests maybe it comes from patient revenues. That doesn't make too much sense to me that we ask the patients of the Medical Center to pay for a building that has nothing to do with them. You might ask, well, maybe it shouldn't make any sense to have the taxpayers pay for it too. I...I feel it's we have no choice. It has to be done. They are going to have...they are going to have significant costs out of their own pocket, \$600,000 worth. Those funds are going to have to come from somewhere and it's not going to be easily gotten. There is very big concern on that campus. I would like to set one thing straight, there has been no contract signed for construction of this building. There has been a contract signed with the Daly Company to look into the repairs, come up with a solution and propose that solution to put down on paper. But there has been no contract signed for the construction of this building. If this bill doesn't go, we aren't out \$3 million. We've still got the same problem sitting there but it hasn't been done. The Board of