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clause, is no appropriation at all, for the reason that on June 30th of 1989 is the end of the fiscal year. Now it's true you can put items in some other bill but to pass this bill without the emergency clause is the same as making no appropriation whatsoever.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, the issue is extremely frustrating to the point where I just walked up to the Clerk's desk, and knowing full well that should the reconsideration motion pass, and it will, that we'll be back on Final Reading and I can offer another amendment to the bill. And I was going to offer the same amendment that I had on Select File that dealt with the issue of the requiring the study and the testing to be done that hasn't been done, the thorough testing that hasn't been done by an independent source, that would be selected by the Executive Board, and appropriating the money, going ahead and appropriating the money, setting it aside, allowing for that to sit in escrow so that determination could be made. And there was a lot of support for that when that bill was up here. I think we were about votes short. We had some people who were gone that probably would have supported that. And that would have delayed the process. That would have delayed the school being...pharmacy school being restructured. But the fact of the matter is is that the building has been shorn up. It's been taken care of. There is no, I think, threat to anyone's life. We have had a 13-year emergency, if you will, with regard to the Pharmacy College and now the structure is safely shorn up so that there is no threat to life or limb. But the approach that has been taken has been the Chicken Little approach to appropriations. The sky is falling. The sky is falling, only in this case, the roof is falling, the roof is falling. And it is a shame that even to this extent with regard to the E clause, I mean, there is no reason in the world, no reason in the world that this bill needs the E clause. And it's one way to say, and which is a very weak way, it would be a whisper instead of saying it, it would be a whisper with regard to the feelings of the body with regard to the Pharmacy College and how it's been handled. I think it's an appropriate way to deal with that. We should have adopted the amendment that said we're going to make sure that we understand that the procedures and the process that's going to take place is a good one. Not to have the amendment or the emergency clause allows for some time for some people to take a look at what has been proposed by Daly and