

Lamb has already talked about the problem with the pharmacy building and what difficulties there are there. It seems like our track record, although generally quite good on construction projects, has got a couple of glaring errors. As I recall the discussion about that building when I was out there, they had done soil tests around the site, but hadn't actually tested right where that building was going, and turned out to be a site that had been used for a dump site or something. Anyway, it sunk rather rapidly. Somehow we hadn't taken the proper precautions, and with the problem that we have with the pharmacy building and that debate, certainly, hopefully we have in place mechanisms...I don't know, Senator Moore, do you know the answer, have we put in place any mechanisms to try and check these things out so we don't have some of these problems?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, there is some quality review that the Board of Regents does themselves. As far as this specific project, what...we went in and excavated all that old soil, piled it up 30 feet high and pounded it in, so the compaction and all that, that problem, in this project, has been dealt with and solved permanently. But the answer to your question by Senator Lamb, there is no specific statute that has been dealt...to specifically deal with this in the future. No, that may be something we should look at.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. Thank you. It's just a concern that this is another chance to recognize that we've had some problems in this area that we ought not repeat.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. I'll now recognize Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Madam President, members, I just wanted to rise very briefly to reassure Senator Lamb that full and adequate compaction studies have been done for this project. Chadron State College, if no other institution in the state, has learned its lesson concerning subsidence of buildings. I think there was testimony in the Appropriations Committee concerning the engineering studies that were done. I think all reasonable precautions have been taken in this instance to ensure that the building that will be constructed in Phase II is sound and will not subside.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Is there any other debate on this legislative resolution? Seeing none, do