

rooms, or anything else there. And, as you know, the speaking and the lighting system is very, very poor. I think it would be 425,000, but the committee felt that this was one part of the building that we did need to address. The Industrial Arts, we can wait on that, and some of the other buildings. But I think the Open Air Auditorium is the worst building that we have in the state right now for need of repair. You can't even go up on top of it now to repair the shingles or anything on it. So I think it's up to we senators to set our priorities. We have some big bills coming down the line, and you have to make up your mind is the state going to get more, or the people, or the taxpayers of the state, are they going to be reasonably spent in this project, or another project? We all have our priorities, we all have our budget to consider. But I will tell you that those three items that we have mentioned here are very much in need. I think I saw one that maybe this year is 275,000 to fix, and we let it go and next year it's 425,000. So, with that, I do support Senator Abboud's amendment, and I'll try to watch my vote on some of the other budget items.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President, members of the body, I rise to support the amendment. I certainly appreciate Senator Moore's iron-hand approach, but I think this is one time when you spend money to save money. I think we all know the shape of the buildings, and I know what happens if you don't repair buildings. We wouldn't think of driving a car with a flat tire, I think we'd change the tire first before we ruined it. This is one time when it doesn't affect one particular district, it doesn't affect 10 districts, it affects every district in Nebraska. So this, we can't say it benefits any one person. We either spend money now, or spend it later. And I would hope that you support this amendment and save them money from later on. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Madam Chair and fellow members, I rise to support this. I think most of us who have been on the 309 committee have been around to see these buildings. And I appreciate Senator Moore's concern, but his concern, he says, is like with building some of the new buildings. Well, maybe we better slow down a little bit on that and preserve what we have because, like the other speakers have said, if we let them go,