

Then you come out with this committee amendment and this committee amendment is really a lot different. In fact, on page 21, where it states the intent of the Legislature that the responsibility for state facilities be centralized within the division except for buildings and grounds exempted under this subdivision, the intent of the Legislature wasn't necessarily to centralize all of this stuff. The intent of me, anyway, was to just say that, yes, we acknowledge that these buildings aren't being taken care of, there needs to be someone who is paying attention to this and putting some kind of plan together, some kind of...that we could afford, that so much would be done this year that we could afford to do and so much would be done the next year and that it would be kind of a planned program where these things would be being addressed, where these concerns were being addressed. It certainly was not in my mind, nor did I vote this bill out of committee, and it was certainly not to have some kind of a huge new division formed where they would control all of the buildings in the State of Nebraska and all the maintenance...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...and everything and all the custodial duties and all the buildings in the State of Nebraska, and all the maintenance and that's kind of what this committee amendment seems to be doing. And Senator Lynch and Senator Robinson can correct me if I'm wrong, but the intent of 530 seems much different and I ask you again to read through your fiscal notes, this was more along the lines of the discussion that went on in the committee hearings and was my...there is a legitimate concern here for maintenance. But I'm not sure that having some huge division set up in DAS and, you know, having...assuming that they have all the duties because we, at that time, said that we were concerned about doing this all at once and, you know, there was a lot of concerns brought up so I'm not really comfortable with the committee amendment either and I wanted people to know that. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Avery, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Mr. President. I just had a comment a little bit further on what Senator Maurstad had brought up and I do commend Senator Lynch for bringing this, trying to get a handle on. We know we have a major problem in the state in