

because the system breaks down along the way and buildings continue to deteriorate and the libraries suffer because they can't buy the journals, they can't buy new acquisitions and so on and even though Internet and all those computer systems are in place, libraries, the actual books, the journals are still very important to the system, to the library system. So I just thought I would say that so you would know why I voted for it and the library money is the one thing and I know we can't have everything we want. So I'll just hang in here for a while on 281. All of you can do what you feel like you need to do and I understand what everyone is saying. Seven more million dollars is a lot of money. There's some other things that I think could be taken out of the budget. There's a lot of money in computer systems but everyone thinks those computer systems are very important. So thank you for listening to me about the trailer bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, I just rise specifically to support the capital construction in the 309 deferred maintenance part of the bill. All of you who know that the number of buildings that the state has control over now and the shape that some of them have deteriorated to, understand or should understand that the cost is adding up tremendously over the years because of the lack of maintenance on some of these buildings. That's a lot of money. I recognize that \$4 million, but when you look at the cost of repair on some of these buildings exceeds over \$100 million, \$4 million doesn't come very close to being able to keep up on some of the work that needs to be done and I just...as much as I hate to see these kinds of bills have to come in, this money have to be spent, it's almost irresponsible if it isn't done. I was interested in Senator Crosby's discussion about the library for the university. Peru State College has been on the top of the list for the last five years for a new library over there and they're still waiting. I see they put \$50,000 in there this year. I guess that will maybe make the foundation, but I just wanted you to know that we all have concerns about libraries and it is a big concern because the library over there is very inadequate and it has been a number one priority for the state college systems for at least four or five years and because of the lack of funds it hasn't come to reality and it bothers me because certainly it's one of the finer institu...well run institutions on the campus over there and has a lot of u ;