

You know that and I know that, but now is the time to buckle up, Senator Vrtiska, and show me what you're made of. Now you can get up there and plead these cases for this and that, but sometimes we just have to say no. Now I think now is a good time to start saying no and...because if not, they'll just get another quart of red ink up there, you know, up there in that one corner because they're going to bludgeon it with red ink, we know it and I know it and it's about time we tell people what the budget is going to be instead of that office up there in the corner. I think now is the time to do it, now is the time to start, folks. I oppose LB 281. I'd encourage all of you to do that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President, members, it's hard to be an expert in every field and some of us are I guess, and some of us aren't, but I do know one thing. We all understand preventive maintenance, we understand preventive maintenance. We've been around rooms in this Capitol and we have seen rooms where absolutely the ceilings are falling in. Look up in Accountability and Disclosure, up on the sixteenth floor. You walked in there for a couple of years and there was a window out. Ceilings are falling in. Look at Senator Landis' office. Why it's a shame the way we treat this building. This building cost us \$10 million about 60 years ago. A little bit of preventive maintenance it might be around for another 400 years which is what the building is anticipated to last. If we don't do this, the building will not be here. Up here, opposite the scoreboard up here, you see this proud old Indian up here, the shadow that this figure makes up here by the scoreboard, this proud old Indian is proud of this building. Let's make him proud of us also. Let's keep this building going, let's keep the maintenance going. If we don't, this building will not be here and this just does not relate to the Capitol. It relates to all buildings. LB 530 somewhat takes care of this. Let's support it. If we don't do it, your children will pay for it. I don't have any children, I don't have children. My children won't have to worry about it, your grandkids will have to worry about it. They'll say why didn't Senator Robinson, my grandfather, appropriate money to keep this fine building up? Fine, if you want to be that conservative. If you don't, we'll suffer later. Thank you.