

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Generally speaking, we need to get on line because there...this is a huge problem worldwide. There's one estimate it will cost in the billions to solve. We are under pressure because there is...there may be more available, but actually at this time there may be a limited...somewhat limited number of people that will be able to do this and they will be...we need to get in line early, so to speak, so we are sure that it will happen. I've got some more information on my own time. I won't take yours to tell you about a little more scope or extent of the problem.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. Well, I guess the only reason I brought this up is I remember years ago when the...on the county with computers we were in a position of trying to put some software in and found out what the cost was and we thought it was rather high, went ahead with it and wasn't only about a year so we found out we could have saved a considerable amount of money had we been able to do some shopping around, so to speak. I'm not going to...I'm not going to...I know there's a lot of people that want to talk to you and Senator Janssen asked me to give him a couple of minutes of my time, so, Senator Janssen, you want to take the rest of my time?

SENATOR WILL: Senator Janssen, you have about...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WILL: ..a minute and 15 seconds.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Mr. President, members of the body, thank you very much, Senator Vrtiska, for the opportunity to express my desires on this bill. I feel as though I must make a few comments on behalf of 309 Committee. We are already on hold on most of the buildings in this state that are under the authority of the 309 Committee and that is due, in fact, to here a couple years ago when we allowed some of the cigarette tax money to go to Civic Auditorium in Omaha. Hopefully, hopefully, that the buildings of the state can hold on a little longer till we get the auditorium fixed in Omaha, and now we get the computers straightened out in the state of Nebraska. I know there's a problem, but I agree with Senator Schrock's statement about funding it straight up. I think it should be. By the time we get around to getting the funds that we were promised from the cigarette tax we probably won't have any cigarettes anymore, so