

where in the world are we going to get the money to fund these projects then? That's about all I had to say, but I think that we should be aware of the condition.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Janssen, your time's up, but your light is next if you'd like to continue.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. We should be aware of the conditions that exist in the buildings that are owned by the state of Nebraska. Mortar is coming out of the walls. They need to be tuckered. The roofs are bad. The heating system in most of the buildings are inadequate, outdated, and some of them in the state are beyond repair. Until I was on the 309 Committee, I didn't have any idea what was happening to the buildings in this state and I just don't think that we want to let them deteriorate to the point where we're going to have to start looking at new construction for those buildings. If they get to the point where they're unsafe anymore, what are you going to do then? You're going to have a lot of construction, and I mean a lot of it. So I just believe that we should address this situation straight up and leave the funding that was supposedly to go to the 309 Committee intact. Now, Senator Wehrbein, I understand that this is very important also. I think that everyone is going to have this problem, not only the state of Nebraska, when it comes to the year 2000. For 30 million dollars, I wonder how many people it would take to stand there with a pencil and write in 00. You know, I just...it's hard to me...for me to believe that it's going to cost that much. Maybe it is. I don't know. So, with that, I'd like to give the rest of my time to Senator Lynch.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Lynch, you have about three minutes.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman and members, I, as a member of the Appropriations Committee, I sat through the discussion regarding this year 2000 problem and, as Chairman of the 309 Committee, I appreciate the comments made by those people who are on and even not on the committee who are concerned with our continuing responsibility, 'cause we are about 250, maybe 280 million dollars behind now. I don't really understand data processing, I have to admit to that, but I do want to report to all of you that I did ask for and did receive from people in the state documents that indicate who have been hired as consultants in the past for consultants for all purposes. Department of Roads