

believe it or not they still process all of their medical claims in the country of Japan, the country of computers and innovation and electronic invention and all the rest, by hand because it's cheaper. They put a lot of people to work and they also have a medical system, by the way, that provides that...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ..they can do that. They don't bill for every procedure independent and separate and et cetera. But we share with you, I think a lot of us on the Appropriations Committee, our concerns. Tonight, to hold it up, though, might not be in our best interest. We have to address the issue. I am very concerned about the condition of our facilities and buildings and maybe we're going to have to think about a moratorium on construction. Now, that might not go over well with universities and with agencies, but we're at that point. If we can't fund the maintenance and repair of the buildings, we better stop building them until we catch up a little bit. Hate to say that, but I think we're at that point. And this particular bill, which provides that money formerly used by 309 responsibilities I think is the catalyst to force us to seriously consider that and we might have to think about that as a (inaudible).

SENATOR WILL: Time.

SENATOR LYNCH: Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members. I'm going to focus, I understand the concern that's been raised about diverting funds from 309, but if I could I'd like to divert the discussion a little bit to the...to this amendment, because I have some concerns with this specific amendment. This amendment, as I read it, is going to take away flexibility. It's going to say that until we take care of the century date charge we cannot use the money for any other enterprise-wide Information Technology Infrastructure goals, guidelines and priorities. Concern I have is this. We're looking at, at least the initial estimates here, 26 to 27 million dollars for the century date change. There are other estimates out there in the industry that say that may be done for significantly,