

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Why do we have to use cigarette monies in these causes? Historically, it's been used for infrastructure improvements. And I realize, I realize that actually this is infrastructure we're talking about. And under...it was the intent of 961 that these monies go to 309 to be used to facilitate infrastructure improvements. The wording was to ensure that Omaha got civic auditorium remodeled and that 309 would get the remaining sum. There's always something, always something comes along that we're going to rape these cigarette monies for something else rather than the buildings, the brick and mortar of this state that is deteriorating at a rate, every year, that seems to increase, increases every year, like pouring water on a pile of sand, it just keeps deteriorating. One of these days we're going to wake up to the fact that some of these buildings are going to be beyond repair. Then instead of coming in and asking for 9, 10 million dollars a year to keep the buildings up, we're going to be looking at something a heck of a lot bigger than what we've got right now for the new technology that we're going to need, technology that changes every five years, as Senator Lynch elated (sic) to. I remember one of the insurance companies I'm associated with, every time we would get a new piece of equipment by the time we got it installed and got it going it was obsolete. I don't know whether we can do anything about that here or not. But it seems to me that if we're going to be appropriated money from sources other than from the cigarette money in the 309 Committee, why couldn't we appropriate money for the endeavor we're about to pursue? It's not going to cost the 30 million all in one chunk, as Senator Lynch said, it's going to be taken in steps. We've got a few years to do it. And I know we are probably lagging behind. I thought at one time we were probably taking the lead, but I've been told no, we're behind, we're behind in getting it accomplished by the year 2000. I know it has to be done, but do we have to do...always do we have to do this at the expense of the money that is supposed to be coming to the 309 Committee? We don't know exactly what these dollars are going to be used for with improvement in our data processing. We don't know which area it's going to be spent on first, which will be...what will be the line. But I'll tell you one thing, if it goes to 309 building maintenance we know exactly where it's going to go, it's going to go for a new boiler, it's going to go for a new roof that leaks. And I said about the (inaudible), just keep destroying these buildings every day. So I just wanted you to