

your own risk, don't sue the state if you fall through the floor kind of a thing. We haven't even found the money to tear those down, can you believe that. But we're continuing to build new, beautiful buildings somewhere. There has to be some time and a point in time when we have to recognize that we can't just close our eyes to this kind of a responsibility. I think an amendment on this bill that would put a moratorium on construction maybe could open up a lot of people's eyes, especially in those agencies that only see themselves, that only concern what they spend and what happens with their own agency and themselves, and they don't really look at the welfare and the good of the entire state and the extraordinary and unnecessary cost we go to by building more than we really need. I would like to see somehow, some time or other in our appropriations effort some kind of indication, whenever we have a capital construction fund obviously, that that has to be somehow designated by agencies and in fact justified. But on the other hand, I think we should do the same thing with consultants and with contracts. Sometimes it's hard for me at least, I'm not sure about anybody else, to define whether or not we're hiring consultants simply because we don't want to pay people to do that work. When you think about spending \$16 million every year or so, you know, that would be an interesting thing indeed. And so we can avoid being (sic) benefits. But there's also a terrible concern about who these agencies are doing business with and potential conflicts of interest. And I think we should, just to satisfy us that everything is copacetic, as the kids would say, and above board, that we ought to know, we ought to know the Appropriations Committee has the right to know who these agencies are doing business with for consulting purposes, and in fact I think all of those agencies should have to, like so many of us who work for corporations and companies have to, sign conflicts of interest statements. The Legislature has to sign conflicts of interest. We have to define where we think there could be, and in fact we have to and should, where there is a potential conflict, identify that as we vote on issues. Well why shouldn't that apply to agency directors and, I say this lovingly 'cause I think there's a lot of good bureaucrats, even bureaucrats as well. You know this issue is getting into this kind of a thing right now, but that's good, I think. I think that's generally good. The moratorium on construction someone might say what does that have to do at all with a bill that provides some funding so we can develop a data system that takes us into the twentieth...the year 2000. Well, you know, this