

a go of it. It's...I think it's a neat building if we can afford to buy such a thing or want to negotiate for it. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members. First of all, Senator Lindsay, I would like to ask you very briefly what your amendment to your amendment does.

SENATOR LINDSAY: This amendment, Senator, if you look on page...or excuse me, line 9 of the amendment, it simply strikes the language "appropriate the necessary funds for purchase" and changes that to "explore the possibility of acquiring."

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: All right.

SENATOR LINDSAY: And that is so that we...it does...it makes it clear that we're not binding the Legislature. We're authorizing the negotiation but, clearly, the Legislature has to take another action. So it's...I consider it a technical amendment, but...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: All right. Thank you very much. And on that basis, I would support what Senator Lindsay wants to do. I understand the concern here about going into other buildings, but this explores that and, as I have mentioned several times before, as we wind down this session, we are going to have to face the music, so to speak, next year. Apparently we will not be doing it this year. Assuming the two modulars continue to pass through, that's all we are doing for a serious problem that is increasing. By the time we come back here next year, we are going to be at an even greater load and, hopefully, not under more pressure than that. But I think exploring this makes sense. I have an amendment following that I'll talk about, but it simply talks about what...some of the dollars involved. But under...for this purpose, I support Senator Lindsay's amendment and I will also be supporting the main amendment because the exploratory nature of it, I think it makes sense for us to at least look at it. It still will be subject to review by the Legislature which I think is critical, and we will have...I'm sure we're going to have an even more clearer case coming up next year about the need to move in this area.