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designed in an era without significant emphasis on energy efficiency and long-range operational maintenance costs demanded in contemporary systems today. Further, this nearly 40-year-old system is experiencing increased labor costs for maintenance, due to the age of the equipment, which is compounded by an increasing scarcity of replacement parts. As a result, a study is required, it goes on to say. And the study would provide not only recommended HVAC solutions, but also how this work could be done in phases over time, to accommodating...to accommodate the ongoing operation of state offices, and costs associated with such recommendations. In other words, this would probably have to be a phased-in project. We don't know that yet. But that's a possibility at least. This master plan was written in about 2000, I believe. And that...at that time, it was projected that the study would cost probably about \$30,000. It would probably be more than that now. Maybe up to \$50,000, possibly. Nobody knows, because nobody has done the inquiry. And so what I would like to have happen is that we get started on this study right away. It is going to take some time to implement such a study, and I don't think that we should wait any longer. There is even the possibility, I've been told, that at some point the system could go down. Because if you switch over to air conditioning from heating, or heating to air conditioning, I'm not sure which it is, at some point you might be in danger of even freezing the pipes. So I would like to get the study started as soon as possible. That's the amendment. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have. But I hope that you'll see that it's probably a good thing to do.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers, on the Schimek amendment, followed by Senator Don Pederson and Senator Raikes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I applaud Senator Schimek for bringing this amendment. What she is discussing is a set of circumstances that have obtained since the time that I first got here, and I'm sure for a long time before then. I am not afflicted to the extent that others are by what are considered drastic changes in the temperature. When other people are cold and dressed in the way that Senator Schimek described, I don't feel any discomfort. When the