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temperature is high enough for people to sweat and be losing energy, I don't suffer any discomfort. My philosophy is that nothing outside of us affects us any more than we will allow it to, when it comes to such things as the climate changes. Now, if the temperature were 20 below, that's a different matter. If it were 130 above, that's a different matter. But within the ranges of temperatures that take place in this building, that's what I'm talking about. I have never been one, generally speaking, to try to impose on others my way of doing things--I say generally speaking--or suggesting that they may react to things in the way that I do. Many people have complained to me about the discomfort that they feel because of these different temperatures that Senator Schimek mentioned, temperatures which are inappropriate for the season. I'd like to ask Senator Schimek a question. Senator Schimek, you may have touched on this. Who right now, or which entity, controls the heating and cooling of this building at this point?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Chambers, it is my understanding, first of all, that now...that the decision on the heating and cooling goes through the Capitol Administrator, as far as who authorizes the changeover. And part of the system comes through the university, and part of it comes through the city of Lincoln.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does the city of Lincoln immediately comply with the request of the Capitol Administrator?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I presume so, Senator. Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then the Capitol...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But now, let me qualify that, because it takes some time for the system to be changed over. So I think we saw that a couple of weeks ago, when Senator Brashear requested that the air conditioning come on. It couldn't do so immediately. They had to do some work before that could happen.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I didn't want to say it at the time, but they did some checking, and they found out that the air conditioning was on, but there was an influence in the Chamber that had