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to be able to do this, because if you take the inflation rate that's going on and the cost of money, it's almost a wash to build these buildings at this time, and we will have the present use of the buildings. Now this structure that we're standing in here right now, the State Capitol Building, was built over a 10- to 12-year period, and they did it as they had money. And...but if they'd had a program like this, you could have had a Capitol much, much quicker. But this is an opportunity for us to devote state money, in conjunction with and in cooperation with the state colleges and the university, to build the important segments of their institutions. So I think this is an opportunity for us, and it's something that we have to do. Certainly the Eppley Cancer Center is worthy of our investment, the University of Nebraska at Kearney needs infrastructure development.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: You go through this whole building process, and you will see that there is great need within our state. The Animal Science Complex at the university just has to be brought up to current standards. We're dealing in the twenty-first century now. We need to have the funding and the programs in force that will allow these structures to continue to develop. And so with that in mind, I request that you give favorable consideration to this amendment, which then becomes the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. You've heard the opening on AM1845. Open for discussion. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Senator Pederson, I wonder if I could ask you some questions about this proposal. First off, you mention that 70 percent of the state's buildings are located on university campuses. Is that correct?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes.