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our new high schools. I get a little bit concerned. In Nebraska, we seem to think the best way to control property taxes is to slap a lid on something, and we've done that to our secondary schools or our public schools in Nebraska, also. Every time you do that, one of the easiest ways to meet the lid is to defer maintenance on your buildings. Well, pretty soon you've got a minor problem has become a big problem. That's true of public schools throughout the state, but that's a different problem. I know that, but I bring it to your attention, because we cannot seem to get a bill out that would take a building fund out from under the lid. But that, as I said, is a different problem. I did listen and hear Senator Pederson talk about, we need to do this so that we can attract the best students from around the world. No, I don't know whether I agree with that. We need to do this because we have a huge investment in public buildings that the state of Nebraska owns that we don't take care of. LB 605 is an opportunity to take a look at what the university needs are, what our college system's are, and begin to make those kind of changes that do protect the huge investment that we have. We need to look at all these little problems, whether it's eight-inch tile or whether it's a need for a complete renovation of a library, such as UNO may need. I find it very distressing to think that we still have state-owned buildings that are not completely handicapped accessible, that do not meet current codes. It's time that we take a good long look at this bill, move it forward, and begin to protect the investment that we have. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kopplin. Senator Raikes. Senator Raikes, you're recognized.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I would like to continue my questions with Senator Pederson, if he's willing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pederson, would you...

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes, I'd be glad to.

SENATOR RAIKES: The question, and I think Senator Thompson