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SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, a question of my good friend Senator Marsh please. I just want to say that I appreciate the committee's interest in Plant Industry, but is there a program statement on this building Senator Marsh?

SENATOR MARSH: No, this is a building which is already there Senator Schmit, it is a building that will continue... it is an older building, it will be continued to be used. We had an insurance policy with \$500,000 deductible and only that \$500,000 that we are projecting to replace.

SENATOR SCHMIT: We are just going to go ahead and fix it up, is that right?

SENATOR MARSH: That has been done sir.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Oh, I see. Thank you. Well, then I just want to say that I rise in support of Senator Marsh. I think that the money was no doubt well spend. Even without all the advanced planning that is oftentimes necessary even if it is 2½ times the money that we needed for Kennedy College Senator Marsh, I think that it is well spent. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: A question of Senator Marvel, please. Senator Marvel, in your closing comments you indicated that you were not going to support this bill. Let me ask you this. The damage is there, the repairs have been made. Now there needs to be an appropriation made considering alternatives, if there are alternatives, what other alternatives do we have, or how will this amount be made up, that is my question. After we appropriate it, how does the University make it up?

SENATOR MARVEL: Well, they have already made it up by shifting funds Senator Stoney. They have already made it up. They proceeded to shift the funds and then came to us afterwards, after they got into the dilemma and said pull us out. That is the only answer that I have got right now. I can't even answer your question as to whether they are going to remodel the building. I went through the building with their...not maintenance men, but their construction man and we saw where the top...the roof had been burned and had leaked down through two or three floors. So, there had to be some repairs made. Now, what they are going to use it for, I can not answer you. I told Senator Duis that I would try to find out tomorrow. I don't really know what their alternatives are. We could be better off just to tear the thing down. Frankly.

SENATOR STONEY: To you knowledge then, they have not expended the total of \$700,000.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes sir. They have expended the \$750,000 according to my information, which they took from some other fund, and now they find themselves in a position of having borrowed from another fund, \$750,000 and the insurance is