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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I...do I...how much time is there, Senator...Mr. Speaker?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'll answer on my own time. I do have an answer for you, Senator.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, there is one answer that maybe I should have brought up earlier. But we are assessing a 1.5 percent depreciation fee against every...all of our buildings today. It's raising \$1.5 million that's set aside, it goes to \$3 million next year, and it will go beyond that later on. So, that's an additional let's call it \$2 million to \$3 million and more that we'll be setting aside as part of our appropriations process every year that's assessed against buildings as they come on line. And that way all new buildings coming on line will have that set aside. So it's depreciation, maintenance, whatever you want to call it, and that's a fund that will be set aside for that. So that is additional General Fund money that is being set aside and will continue to be set aside for the foreseeable future that is far beyond what we've ever done in the past. So that will help catch up. That doesn't say that we don't have some catch-up to do, but we are far ahead of where we were five years ago in playing catch-up. As you know, the university is bonded and so have the state colleges bonded a lot of their catch-up, which we are funding through cigarette tax. And now we have more money coming to the cigarette tax, so we have made giant strides, perhaps not enough, but we have made giant strides, including the General Fund money now that's going to be set aside from the depreciation factor.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Members of the