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Mr. President and Members of the body. Senator Carpenter, would you yield to a question, please? As I read your amendment here, you're suggesting, near the bottom of the first page, that such building shall be designed so as to provide at least 80% tenable usable space of the gross area. Do you have any letter from the architect suggesting what kind of changes this would necessitate in view of trying to use the original plans together with this requirement that you have in this resolution?

SENATOR CARPENTER: This will be entirely a matter of this body and the Governor to determine.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well, I would suggest, with my understanding of buildings, that it would be an impossibility to change this present design and plan and in essence, if we pass your amendment we're, which I'm now neither speaking for or against, we would in essence, in my estimation, require a complete new design for the office building.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, that's entirely incorrect and if it did then I would not sponsor the amendment.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well now, do you have any letter from the architect who designed the original building to substantiate what you're saying one way or another?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I don't need any letter, they testify that before the committee.

SENATOR STAHMER: They testified that they could redesign the building--

SENATOR CARPENTER: Sure.

SENATOR STAHMER: --80% occupancy, using the existing plans?

SENATOR CARPENTER: That's right.

SENATOR STAHMER: Now, I'd like if I--

SENATOR CARPENTER: 80, 80% is really only a nominal thing that's being accomplished by the Federal Government in almost every case. They see no difficulty at all in designing for 80%. Now if you want to make it 75 or 70, amend it. If you want less usable space, I have no objection.

SENATOR STAHMER: No. I have no objection to the usable space. It is a high ratio figure and I thought the original plan called for something in the neighborhood of 62% or--

SENATOR CARPENTER: It did--

SENATOR STAHMER.--yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: --and that basis, that's the reason we want to change this thing and not use the original plans and give the Building Commission the right to do what we're now discussing.

SENATOR STAHMER: All right. But the architect claims that this can be done?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes.

SENATOR STAHMER: Without extensive redesign?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, you're going to redesign the entire interior.

SENATOR STAHMER: All right.