

allocation of only \$3 million would be a paltry 10 percent of that need. With that in mind, and as I have heard it said by Senator Ron Cope many times when he was chairing this particular committee, when it comes to maintenance of buildings and facilities you pay for it today or you pay for it tomorrow, but surely you are going to pay for it. I urge the override. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President, I don't want to be redundant. Senator Johnson explained, very well, and said just about the same things that I was going to say. We are talking about maintenance and repair of existing buildings with the 309 process. There is the existing need out there of \$37 million. I'm in the construction business. You all live in a dwelling. You all know that if you don't repair something early it just gets more, and more, and more costly to repair. Three million dollars is 10 percent of our need. It is less, \$3 million is less than we have spent on the average over the last 10 years for repair and maintenance of our buildings. The possible or the authorization of a purchase, and that is all it is, the authorization of a purchase, of a new building or another building in downtown Lincoln is a cost savings measure. It is done for the purpose of moving one bureau to another place that we now rent. It has cost benefit value to it that is a significant value. It saves us money because we are renting right now. If you own, you can save some money. We have an opportunity, we are only giving authorization that is only going to be used if the funds are there, if the deal can be made. These are very prudent cost saving expenditures that really will pay for themselves. I urge the override.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I just got through looking at a Blue Book that I have on my desk. Since 1982-83 Blue Book we've had 15 senators leave this body. So taking the next four years is another 12. We've had 27 senators leave this body since 1978 when we bought the Elks Building at a bargain price for \$500,000. We were sold that this was the best buy the state could ever have and make it into a state museum. This was a real bargain. We should buy it. So what did this body do? They paid \$500,000 for the Elks Building. What did we end up with? A 2 or \$3 million dog. We replaced the roof, we put in new air conditioning, I have the