

happening, nobody seems to know. A couple years ago Department of Revenue moved from downtown at \$4 a square foot, they was asked to pay \$4.25, moved up to a new bank building in Norfolk paying \$10 a square foot. Now this is senseless, they had plenty of space, it was adequate, this is brought about by those two...that happening two years ago. So I think the bill, with a few amendments here, can clean it up and we can move it forward. And right now I'll close and have some more to say maybe later on.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Peterson. We'll now go to Senator Bernard- Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD- STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I guess I just wanted to reiterate a couple of comments that were stated in the committee. And I guess maybe I'll do so from at least my perspective. Senator Peterson came to the committee in very good faith, made a very good presentation for the need and renovation of the Stone Building and other things within 1241. And as Senator Moore said, the Stone Building seemed to get the majority of the...of the conversation within the committee, as Senator Peterson indicated it probably would. And I did enjoy that aspect of it. But one of the concerns that I think I and other people on the committee had was a...was a question as to whether 300,000 was enough. And Senator Peterson has indicated to the committee that he felt...he feels it is. And the committee has taken him upon that, and we advanced it with that figure in there, 300,000. I guess I would like to also work with Senator Peterson and Senator Moore and work on, again, some intent language that what happens if the estimate, for some reason, is far and above 300,000? Maybe we could work out some language that if the estimate comes in that's...that's far beyond or not close to the 300,000 figure, that it's not that we wouldn't do it, but we'd have a provision saying that the renovations would not continue if...it would not go forward until the Appropriations Committee and/or the Legislature had a chance to look then at that estimate and still give a yes or no, if it's different than what we think it might be. And I'm sure Senator Peterson will work with us on that, as he's indicated he would, and certainly it's my hope that we'd have some type of language of that coming forward on Select File. And, with that, I would urge at least passing the bill onward to Select File at this point, and hopefully we can get that clarification language in.