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if I may.

SENATOR MOORE: If Senator Ashford would yield, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Ashford, I am supporting Senator Wickersham's amendment because I think these types of efforts that you are putting forth will continue to be brought, but to touch briefly on what you mentioned earlier, and looking at your amendment, you say the money would be for improvements to the civic auditorium.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much improvement are you talking about? Are you talking about...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Dollars or...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Redoing the foundation, redoing the internal support structure, redoing the...in other words, are you talking about rebuilding without actually constructing a brand new auditorium facility, this thing that is down there now?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that a wise thing to do?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, I guess the first question is, it is very little structural change, number one. Is it a wise thing to do? I think it is a cost...it is prudent to renovate it. I think what my concern is, Senator Chambers, is that we have additional space for convention facilities in the future, that's my...that's my concern. But as far as this project, in and of itself, I think it is a prudent, wise investment to get the arena up to speed, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have people complained about the location of posts, pillars, and other struct...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...supporting structures.