

position of having to compromise what we think were good policy decisions. It was pressure cooker situation and we are making decisions that we are going to have to live with for a long time, probably after many of us are no longer going to be here. The commitment of \$2.7 million in '98-99-97, many of us will not be here and we don't know what our crises might be. We don't know what the economy of the state is going to be, we don't know what the priorities are going to be. We can't foresee that far down the road, but we are making a commitment and I expect to keep any commitment I make and if I am here, I will support keeping that commitment. When this body makes its decision, I will support following the commitment that we make, you can bank on it. But I'm against making that commitment for policy reasons. While we're making that commitment, I mentioned the other day, buildings like Eliza Morgan Hall of Peru State are falling down and I don't know what the plan is to take care of those problems. I don't know what the plan is. I got to speak once the other night on this issue before we went to cloture. We hit this issue just a short while before we went to cloture. This issue in this bill deserved at least a day of debate, folks, at least a day of debate. Now I understand how politics work to some extent, I believe I do. Senator Chambers said that's just politics. Well, when things...when we come in at nine o'clock in the morning and we're trying to deliberate on whether or not this sales tax is good policy or bad policy and we walk out at ten o'clock that night and we've changed from using the sales tax revenue to committing other revenues that would be available for other purposes in the state for that particular project in Omaha of \$16 million, we have made a significant decision without a whole lot of warning to the public, without a whole lot of deliberation. This discussion this morning has been more enlightening to me than the discussion we had an opportunity to have the other night. We needed much more of this kind of discussion to arrive at what was the right answer here, I can assure you of that. While we were wasting time that day for six or seven hours, why couldn't we have been discussing some of the alternatives that we came up with here? And I know it wasn't a done deal, probably, so it was dangerous...

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SENATOR BROMM: ...to go out on the floor with it, but that