

know that regardless of the outcome of those negotiations for shared use of their operations, these three factors, the ambulatory care facility, the surgical room upscale and the parking would not be a part of that negotiation. Those three items will not be a part because they have already discussed them and there is no way to make that a joint use situation. I could go on with a lot of different things and I hope that I am prepared to answer any questions that you have. For now, what I would say only this, there is a real question as to whether the university, indeed, needs to come to this body for the approval because there is no state General Funds involved in this proposal. There are no tax dollars involved in this proposal and there is a real question as to whether...whether the facility would have to be brought to our attention in any way. As a matter of fact, most people believe that this could be done without it but it is important that you do know that the Chancellor of the Medical Center, Chancellor Andrews, and his staff have pledged to you and pledged to the Appropriations Committee that they do not want to proceed with this facility and, in fact, will not proceed with this facility because it is a major, major facility for them, probably the largest they've ever done in the history of the Medical Center. They don't want to proceed and will not proceed unless they get the approval of this body. So I hope that we have a good discussion today and I hope we have, those of you who have some real questions, those of you who have some real concerns, those of you who are in opposition, have a chance to state your opposition and I hope we can have a good discussion and eventually approve this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please, then Senator Lowell Johnson.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd just like to address a couple of aspects of the proposal as they have already, in fact, been touched upon by Senator Hannibal, but in particular, I'd like to address the issue of the General Fund and its relation to the operation of both the hospital and the clinic at the Medical Center. As a matter of fact, when you look back historically there was a time in which, that even back as late as '76, 1976-77, roughly 21 percent, a little over 21 percent of the cost of the operation of a hospital was General Fund at that time. It has consistently climbed until in the current fiscal year of '87-88 that the General Fund portion is about 2.1 percent or, in fact, that is also about