

research component on top of their medical services, but it seems to me that there is every reason to, we feel confidence in the prospectus that they have provided to the Legislature as to the ability for this facility to be paid for by the revenue bonds and from those revenue generated from patients that would be used to reduce or to retire those revenue bonds and on that basis and on their history, we can have every confidence that from a financial point that the facility is appropriate and is justified. In addition to that, of course, is the very strong argument of improved health care, improved research for health care and health services and the appropriate training of medical personnel in the future that will be consistent with the kind of care that is being and is accepted not only statewide, but nationwide with greater emphasis on outpatients rather than inpatient...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR WARNER: ...and retaining long periods of time in a hospital bed.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lowell Johnson, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support this resolution and I would commend Chancellor Andrews of the University of Nebraska Medical Center for his sensitivity to bringing this project to the attention of the Legislature for full review. It is a major initiative and it is a giant step in addressing the future of Nebraska in the field of health care, research and patient care. The environment for delivery of health care today has been changing drastically. Every hospital, large or small, has encountered and experienced the necessity for adapting to the high tech needs of health care delivery and availability. Outpatient care facilities are the order of the day. The request of the Med Center would allow the training of our health care professionals to serve well in that new environment. We are asked to make a commitment to progress and the request for legislative approval represents no more or no less. An important reminder in order, is in order, no tax dollars are requested to fund the construction of this project. A further pledge has been made that operations and maintenance costs will be funded out of patient care revenues. The fund approval request amounts to \$48 million. We cannot and should not show less support for this important project than we have