

of its occupancy rate of licensed beds and also Bishop Clarkson Hospital which is right across the street is at 36 percent of its occupancy rate. So both those hospitals are operating at less than half of their licensed bed capacity. Well, the simple problem I have with that is if you're operating at half your licensed capacity, why do you need you spend \$47 million in bricks and mortar building an additional building? I would think there has got to be some way you can use your existing structure to accomplish some of this. Third problem that I have with this is that going back to the situation between Clarkson and the Med Center University Hospital is I am yet to be convinced that there is an adequate dialogue going on between the two. I am encouraged about what has happened, but I feel as long as we really give the University of Nebraska Hospital all the money that they request, there is never going to be an incentive for any meaningful dialogue to go along. Though I am impressed that there has been progress in that area, I think if we vote no on this and continue to work with the university hospital we can have a better dialogue and it will be more of a bargaining environment going on there. The fourth concern that I have is the concern that is often the case on projects that are supposedly cash funded or funded with revolving funds, you know, I'm always concerned that at some point in time if things don't go quite as the university officials have planned, General Funds will indeed come into play. Right now it is my understanding that the whole University Med Center receives about \$52 million in state General Fund in support with about 2., roughly 2.2 million of that going actually for the operations of university hospital. My concern is that as time progresses, that \$2.2 million figure will increase significantly and some of that, and my concern is, will be due to the fact that we are building this 40 odd million dollar structure. Well, the last thing that I guess that simply myself, maybe it's I'm just not confident in my own abilities, but never having served on a hospital board, never having had that much to do with the health care profession, that I have a little problem with those of us here today, with our vote, they are going to raise the patient per...are going to raise the health care cost per patient day by \$47 a day if we approve this resolution and the university hospital starts this project.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: I guess I have a little concern about whether or not we are adequately informed on this issue, and with our vote