

here this morning, we're going to significantly increase the cost of health care to citizens of Nebraska that use university hospital and I guess I have yet to be convinced there are not better ways to do that, more cost efficient ways to do that, and with that, that is the extent of what I am going to say, but you will see a red vote from Senator Moore on this proposal.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. A lot has been said by Senator Moore in regard to the resolution that I introduced last year and I've had some conversations with Senator Schmit because he also had some concerns on the 29 million resolution that was introduced last year. I did get some figures because I, too, wanted to know why the drastic increase and you do have some, at least four or five pages on your desk that I had distributed, and I won't go into that because I think the members of the Appropriations Committee that are supporting the resolution have covered most of the concerns, but to make sure, I did give you the answers to the questions that I asked the Med Center in regard to the increase from the resolution I introduced last year. And one of the greatest changes I believe is the ambulatory care and in my resolution it was 15.2 million because now there is a square footage cost increase of 2.8; the heliport .4; the telecommunications .7; the utility relocation is .9 million and the program increase 1.9 million which is a total of \$21.9 million. I think one of the most important things that have been asked of me, and I don't know whether it has been discussed by any members of the Appropriations Committee, was the concern about the lack of meaningful dialogue with Clarkson Hospital and you do have the answer to that on your desk, but I want it for the record as was specifically brought out in the joint campus master plan between the university and Clarkson. This type of outpatient facility has been needed on the UNMC campus and will continue to be needed in the future regardless of what programs are planned jointly. The discussions have, in fact, been meaningful to this point and a number of programs have been planned together. The gallstone lithotripsy, the pediatric kidney transplantation, the kidney lithotripsy, and the pancreas transplantation has been agreed to both the Clarkson Hospital and the UNMC. UNMC and Clarkson have already shared activities for a number of years in the laundry services and steam. Tomorrow on February 11, the Board of Regents will be asked to approve a formal affiliation agreement between Clarkson and UNMC. This agreement formally establishes