

absolutely critical to understand, as we move forward on this resolution, that it doesn't answer the question completely. All it provides for is the green light to go forward to the next stage I guess of consideration. And I would urge very careful consideration of this resolution today, but also, again, for the record, the certificate of need review process out there that will have to be implemented, and which this resolution calls for and subordinates our action to, hopefully will put the bigger questions of is this cost effective, and in terms of services, a worthwhile, justified project. I think that's important and I'm glad to see that as part of this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, followed by Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, first of all I'm going to surprise all of you because I rise not to oppose the method of funding for the project. What I do rise to speak on are some of the facts that we discussed a year ago and some of the procedural matters which I think ought to be discussed more fully. I'm pleased to see as much discussion as we are having here this morning. Normally this sort of an issue comes before this body and moves across it very expeditiously without very much comment. Senator Scotty Moore made some comments, Senator Wesely made some comments. I did pass out for your edification and your amusement and your enlightenment a copy of last year's debate. And I don't want to go through it page by page and line by line, but I think it would behoove those of you at least who were not here last year to read that debate. It almost appears as if the medical school took that transcript and then decided to enlarge upon it, include the parking garage and some other activities which, of course, at that time were not included. I want to point out that this is a totally different project than was proposed here last year. Dr. Andrews met with myself and Senator Weiing and Senator Owen Elmer and I believe Senator LaVon Crosby, I'm sure he met with many of the rest of you, and he emphasized that this was a new project, totally different project than the one which was approved last year. At the time that we discussed the project last year, it was my plea to you to try to find out more about the project, to try to find out if this project did, in fact, fulfill the needs of the community, the State of Nebraska and its citizens. I think the answer to that is obvious. The answer was no because today we have before us a substantially enlarged proposal. I do not know whether we need the proposal as it is listed today or not. I