

expansion. So that is about \$6 million, \$5.5 million of the new project. Also the operation rooms, as Senator Schmit pointed out, was not a part of the original proposal. That is about a \$5 million bill and I was planning on addressing that a little bit when it was my turn to talk, to try to address that as Senator Schmit...but, yes, there are some new things in this, plus there were figures used last year that did not take into consideration full inflation, did not take into consideration professional fees and did not have the same amount of gross square footage that was involved in this project. This has been increased by about 35,000 square feet as well.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you. I think that was one of the things I wanted you to get. I can't see you, but I think that, I hope the university or the Med Center do not use the same consultants again because I understand they did not do the best job of estimating, you know, costs. You know, from just reading the newspaper, maybe you people in the Appropriations that heard the testimony and so forth, that they underestimated. Is that right?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Well, Senator Hartnett, I can't comment on that although you could jump to that conclusion real quickly. One thing was pointed out as an example, and one I remember is that with the resiting of the thing and with the total needs plan for the expansion, one thing was not in the original proposal and that was relocation of utilities, and by relocating the utilities now that would be in the way for anything else in the future as opposed to going part way down a road to fix something that is immediate, if you go all the way to do that, it is much cheaper to do it now than it would be in the future, but it wasn't considered in the original plan. For one thing, it wasn't in the scope as far as the original architect or the planner. They didn't know about all the underground utilities that would have to be rerouted.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hannibal, you're up followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President, I hadn't planned on speaking until...I was hoping I would have a chance to close, but I think it is important that I try to address some of the issues that were brought up and I think sincerely and adequately brought up