

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator. (Gavel.) Let's have it a little quieter so we can hear the discussion. Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Schmit, to my knowledge, I don't know whether they signed off specifically on this resolution.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Did they sign off on it last year?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I understand that it had their approval last year. I don't know...you said that they did, I don't have any reason to not believe you.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Is there any reason why they signed off last year and did not sign off this year, or were not asked to sign off this year?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I don't know that.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Wouldn't that have been kind of a logical question for the Appropriations Committee to ask the medical school when they came before the committee?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: It was asked in a roundabout way and maybe it wasn't phrased properly. I have a response that may take some of your time if you want me to go through it, but, yes, the bottom line is, certainly it is. I thought we had simply, we had in a roundabout way asked that question, yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, you don't know then if you got an answer or not. It must have been asked in such a roundabout way you didn't get an answer, is that right?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Well, I'm going to try not to take too much of your time and try to answer your question as a witness to an attorney and be duped into your yes and noes, and I'll say you're probably right on that.

SENATOR SCHMIT: So at this time the Appropriations Committee does not know if Clarkson signed off on the resolution or not, if they approve it or not, if they concur with the goals and ideals of this resolution.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Well, now you're starting to get my interest up a little bit, if I'm going to respond...