

on your face from ear to ear for the fact that last year you approved a project which was scuttled and today you come back and you say, well, we have a little different project this year, it's only \$20 million higher and we've decided to change it. I think maybe the changes are necessary, I think maybe the changes are necessary. I don't know, but I challenge any member of this body to say they are necessary because, as Senator Hannibal has indicated, the Appropriations Committee which sent the resolution to the floor doesn't even know if the institution which is a companion institution has approved the project. They approved the one last year. They have not approved this one. Now I would suggest that ought to have been the first step for the UNMC. I'm suggesting also that Clarkson personnel have told me and you have it before you some suggested savings that can be made, if the UNMC is required to cooperate with Clarkson, and...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...they are not pleased with the kind of cooperation they have had thus far.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, followed by Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think the issue has been asked whether or not during the hearing the Med Center was asked, has Clarkson signed off, and I believe Senator Hannibal answered correctly that he did not recall, no, do I recall, that did Clarkson Hospital sign off. I don't recall that question being asked. What I do recall, however, very clearly, which I would suggest was the same question was, why was Clarkson not a part of this? And the response that I understood, that I recall, was that they were not interested in this aspect of a hospital or a medical facility, that their emphasis on the outpatient as proposed here was not one that was an avenue that they were portraying, that the additional use for the hospital, or the operational rooms was not an area in which they were...had a need or wanted to participate, and their concurrence, as I would take it, with the project is one of, this is not a project which includes an area of medical service that we are anticipating participating with. And so rather than not participating, I take it to be that this is not an approach for medical services that they wish to participate in and, therefore, there was nothing to sign off on in terms that we're doing this as a joint area of joint projects. So that is