

my...but in any event, the whole concept, as I understand for much of this, is to, in fact, address the health care cost. It seems to be a fairly well accepted fact that outpatient care is less expensive and more effective than long hospital stays. That certainly has been accepted. In fact, we spent a lot of time...

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator Warner. (Gavel.) Let's hold it down, we can't hear the speakers, please. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: ...we spent a lot of...thank you, Mr. President. We spent a lot of time just the other day of going even one step ahead of that of providing some kind of services so you wouldn't even...that would be health care not before you got sick, but things you could do so you wouldn't become ill or need to even be an outpatient. So the aspect of trying to reduce overall costs in every direction I know is consistent with what is being proposed here for this facility and I do not see the conflict that is being suggested as not being addressed. It is true that some of the other cooperative activity between the Med Center and Clarkson Hospital, as I understand it, have been going on, are continuing to go on. There are areas in which there are numerous cooperative efforts now as I understand it, as Senator Hannibal has already pointed out, and in those areas that are still to be resolved or are still being discussed, as I understand it, do not directly affect the construction of this facility or the kind of services that are proposed.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hannibal, followed by Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President, members, I do understand the procedure and the process of asking questions on the floor that are soliciting a response that it is helpful for your argument and I appreciate that and there is nobody who can do that better than Senator Schmit that I know. But I do want to take a chance and try to answer on my own time now what he was asking. And Senator Warner also did take a lot of my thunder, I guess, on what we did do in committee, and that is there was major concern by members of the committee as to the relations between Clarkson Hospital and the University of Nebraska Med Center and what was going on, what was possible and how that affected this project. It is correct that we didn't ask the question, have they signed off on this proposal, so you were correct in saying that. It is