

not correct to say that we weren't concerned about it and didn't know anything about it, however. What actually did happen, as Senator Warner has just pointed out, we did talk at length about what was happening with the Clarkson Hospital and the joint facilities use. What I have also gleaned out of this volume of information that I have here is a reminder that, yes, there was a joint facility study already completed by the Daly Company, that Clarkson did sign off on, and that and two of the three items were there in that they did agree to, that being the ambulatory care area and the parking area, that they should be sited where they are being sited, Clarkson would never have, or don't ever say never, or never say never, but they didn't have any use or interest in that area and this was going to be a function that they had no interest in participating in. Surgical facilities, on the other hand, is a new area and I think you've accurately said that they didn't sign off specifically on that, and that is probably true. I don't know that they didn't sign off on it, but what I understand of the facilities study, the joint use study was, was that if we are going to have joint use facilities for surgical areas in a common area across the street from the Medical Center or somewhere in between, and typically it would be across the street, that the university was going to build those. The university was going to pay for them and that that five or \$8 million cost was going to be our cost regardless. When the university considered whether or not that was appropriate, whether it was feasible, and they started looking at, well it's going to cost us that much over there, it's going to cost us this much here, if we build them over there we've got to move all of our support staff, all of our other things to that area, it is not feasible for us to do that. So I think that we have been concerned about the joint use facilities. We all have concern that we can keep the costs of health care down to a minimum if we have two facilities working together, we ought to explore all opportunities to have a shared cost, a shared responsibility so we can keep the costs down. I think it's important that we do emphasize the three items in this proposal, this resolution, ambulatory care, increased parking on the south, actually southwest corner of this area, and the upscale and increase of one operations room are not outside the context of those joint studies, those joint negotiations. I am very much in favor of having those negotiations go on. I think they are going on. This proposal will not affect adversely that in any way.