

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman is next, but may I introduce some guests of Senator Coordsen under the north balcony. We have Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heider of Hebron, Nebraska. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. Senator Haberman, followed by Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I don't know how many members of this body have visited the University of Nebraska Medical School's facilities. However, if you have and/or if you do, if you have been there, I'm sure you'll agree with me, and if you're going there, I want to explain that the parking is horrendous. We should be ashamed, absolutely ashamed to have a Nebraska facility with parking as it is. The bill, or the resolution, or the issue also addresses new educational facilities. Now I have heard for the last few years and am hearing this year that education should be the number one priority. That is absolutely correct, and how more could it be important than education in the medical field, for the elderly, for the young, for the newborn, for the indigent, for everyone who is touched by the medical problems that we have in this day and age. We had one opponent stand up on this floor and say, I don't know whether it is needed or not. Well, as far as I am concerned, I am willing to place my faith and my vote on the behalf of the people who are running the facility and who are asking for help, so I ask you to support LR 25.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, you have something on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit...okay, he wants to defer...

PRESIDENT: Senator Wehrbein, first. Senator Schmit will take it up next.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members, thank you, Senator Schmit. I just want to make a couple points about the...establishing the need for this Medical Center at Omaha and Senator Haberman made several good points about the need of it and I would like to emphasize that, but I just want to remind you once again, 48 percent of the patients at the University of Nebraska Med Center have come from outside of Omaha in Nebraska over the last few years. So not only is it a need in the state, but it is a regional center and it is well known in the world. So as we look for the expansion here, I think we can justify