

that from another basis, too, is in the fact that if we're going to have a 50 percent increase in those over 65 simply by the year 2000. So much of this I think is legitimate, anticipated need, and if we're going to be ready for the health problems that we're going to be faced in the coming decades, this is one way to get there and the Med Center has not only taken the lead in this area, but once again, making Senator Haberman's approach of the doctors that we need in rural Nebraska, the nurses we need in rural Nebraska, many of these needs have been met. We've talked about this a lot in the last three days in here, about the need for health care in Nebraska. This is the core, this is the center of our educational facilities in Nebraska for this type and I just wanted to emphasize that point as we look at the need for this facility. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Now, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to amend. I believe copies have been distributed to the membership, Mr. President. (Schmit amendment appears on page 689 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I offer the same amendment this year that I offered one year ago. The amendment is a very simple amendment. It removes all reference in the resolution that refers to the legislative approval of the project or the legislative approval of the parking lot and instead simply approves the method of financing. That is what I think we ought to be debating here today, not whether or not we approve the project. Our approval of the project, in this instance I believe, says to the Certificate of Need Committee, no, the UNMC does not need to concur or confer with Clarkson Hospital any further. They may proceed to build this project as is with all of the various accoutrements that are listed here. I want to point out some of those accessories. Clarkson Hospital says there is \$1,740,000 in the Family Practice Clinic. There is \$1,425,000 on what they call materials management. There is \$2.5 million of operating rooms and \$1,250,000 on Central Sterile Supply. Now we have a \$7.5 million contingency in there for inflation. You take away 20 percent of that and you have another million and a half, so you have a total saving of \$8.5 million. The reference has been made that Clarkson, it was felt that Clarkson was not interested in this aspect of the