

after being burned by Senator Chambers' motion the other day, I read Senator Schmit's amendment and Senator Schmit's amendment, as I understand it, as explained to me by the Assistant Clerk of the Legislature, he says strike "implementation of" and insert "the financing of", so it will read, the Legislature approves the financing of the University of Nebraska Medical Center proposed health care project. That's the first change. The second change is, and on the third line from the bottom, and approves the financing of such projects, but the amendment says we don't approve the financing of such project. So the way it was explained to me and as I interpret it, the amendment says one thing at the top and it completely does 180 degrees and says the other thing at the bottom. On the back page it says, on line 3, second paragraph, and approves the financing of, and it states, and approves the financing of the project. It says the same thing. So unless...and I could be terribly mistaken. I would ask you to, under the circumstances defeat the amendment or unless we have a clear, concise explanation of what exactly does it say. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz, followed by Senator Hefner.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment is rather confusing because, as Senator Haberman said, it does approve the financing but not the project. I don't think any one of us would approve financing anything if we don't approve of the project. The amendment also strikes paragraph number three and Senator Wesely should be very concerned about that because let me read you what paragraph 3 says that is being stricken by the amendment, that the Legislature's foregoing approval of the University of Nebraska Medical Center's proposed health care project and Lot 2 parking structure project is subject to, subject and subordinate to the requirements of the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need, and I certainly think that is a very important part of the resolution and the amendment is striking that because it would have to be subject to the certificate of need regardless of the fact that whether we approve it or disapprove it. As I say again, and I think Senator Haberman went through this, we're approving the financing with this amendment but we're not approving the project and that seems rather ridiculous to me that we would approve financing something that we don't approve of. I also will call to your attention that on March 2, 1988, last year, this very same amendment was offered on my resolution and it