

failed with 15 yes and 18 no and 10 not voting. Thank you, very much.

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

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President, I also rise to oppose the amendment. Senator Labeledz has said some things already and Senator Haberman as well that are very good points. It is a simple matter of reading the amendment and I'm not confused. Maybe that's my problem, I'm not confused by what the amendment is trying to do. The amendment is trying to say to us that we don't approve of the project, we will approve of the method of financing. It's totally counterproductive to what the purpose of the resolution is. If you don't want to approve the project, which is after all what the University Medical Center is asking of us, if you don't want to do that, then just kill the project, just vote it down. As a matter of fact, I think it would be appropriate if we don't have enough votes in here to approve this project, that we probably then immediately upon that vote, if it doesn't get the 25, put a motion up there saying we specifically disapprove the project, and I say that because I go back to the pledge by the Chancellor who says if we don't have the blessings of the Legislature, we are not going to proceed with this project even if we can. Even if we were able legally, even if we were able financially, we will not proceed with this project unless we have the blessing of the Legislature. To be befuddled a little bit between approving financing methods and approving the project is not at issue for me. I think it doesn't help anything to do this. We need to be a straight-up yes or no on the project. Now we'll go to the third part of the amendment, striking the area of certificate of need part of the resolution. Senator Schmit is suggesting we strike that. I appreciate his concerns about this project. I appreciate that we all have some problems with these size, magnitude of projects and I don't discount his sincerity at all. But as I recall, and I could be wrong, Senator Schmit, but as I recall your argument last year was, yes, we should have the certificate of need subordination, if you will, as part of your amendment, I thought, was dealing with the idea, we don't want to approve this and then say we don't have to go to certificate of need. The certificate of need is the process that says, technically, this is a good idea, technically, this is a bad idea, there is need, we are the experts, we know. This resolution as it has been brought to you is saying that very thing. We want the