

Legislature to approve the project, we want your blessing, but we know that we need to go to the certificate of need and have them tell us also that there is need here, this is a good project, this is the right way to go and those are the experts that are going to do that. The resolution as it stands says that this approval of ours would be subordinated to that certificate of need approval. That, I believe, was what Senator Schmit was asking for last year. It failed. The University Medical Center officials have put this part 3 of the resolve in the resolution because they don't want to go around the certificate of need process. They don't want to have us say something just by itself. They want to go through the certificate of need process. To take this out is doing, I think, somewhat opposite of what Senator Schmit really wanted to do last year. I don't really understand the amendment. I think even those of you who would be possibly opposed or have major concerns about the resolution would definitely want to have the subordination to the certificate of need in that proposal. I appreciate Senator Schmit's sincerity. I appreciate his knowledge of areas that I don't have with regards to hospital procedures and boards of directors. I don't believe this particular amendment will do either the opponents or the proponents of the issue any measurable good. I would prefer to see us vote down the amendment and make a straight-up vote on the resolution, do we approve the project or don't we approve the project. If we don't have enough people who say we approve the project, then I think we ought to introduce a motion, and I would be prepared to do that, to introduce a motion that we specifically disapprove the project. That is what the Chancellor wants. He wants a message from the Legislature and I think we owe him that.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Haberman.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members, I would ask Senator Schmit a couple of questions. I did... I was going to rise in support of this amendment until Senator Labeledz raised the point about Section 3 being deleted. Could you address why you are trying to delete Section 3, because as I said earlier in this debate that that was a very good part of the resolution, different from the one last year that said this resolution is subordinate to the certificate of need process, and that was a concern both of us had and discussed last year. Can you talk about that, because otherwise I follow and track with you but I