

but I have a strong conviction that the way the resolution is written today we have sent to the CON committee, as indicated by Senator Hannibal, he said the purpose of this discussion here today, and the purpose of the resolution, is to approve the construction of those projects. Now I think that is a little bit different than what we talked about last year. Last year we talked more about the approval of the method of financing, but today we are being asked on this floor in the space of a little over an hour, not just to approve the method of financing, which we don't really need to do because they can do it without us, but to approve the projects. Now I would suggest, and I would like to ask a question, Senator Hannibal, I suppose you are the one to answer this question. Who completed the financial feasibility study on this project anyway?

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I don't know for sure, Senator Schmit, however, I would say that it was done by the Douglas Associates study, the architects, the engineers, the professional consultants, in conjunction with the accounting staff of the university.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, I have a high regard for Mr. Leuenberger but I have to remember just a few years ago when some of his projected, some of his projections on 773 didn't come out quite the way they were supposed to. But, anyway, that is beside the point. I want to say this, ladies and gentlemen, if you want to approve the method of financing, then my resolution will take care of that. If you want to approve the construction and say, we are not concerned with the impact upon Clarkson, we are not concerned with the impact upon medical health care cost, we are not concerned with whether or not we are achieving the maximum cooperation and the maximum amount of flexibility, then don't vote for the resolution, because if I sat on the CON committee and this Legislature sent this resolution to me, I would wash my hands of it and say, why should we concern ourselves. The Legislature has already judged the project and found it necessary. In their wisdom, they said we ought to spend \$47 million and, therefore, given that, certainly they know better than we do. I think it is a farce to do it the way you are doing it. It is not being fair with the committee. I think, ladies and gentlemen, that on this floor we frequently do those things which we have to come back and defend. I think we are going to have to come back and defend this action. There