

will come a time, ladies and gentlemen, when you will be told, very honestly and forthrightly, that Clarkson Hospital did not sign off on this project because they did not approve of the independent construction of these facilities which I have outlined for you. I think that is important. I think that anything less than to require UNMC to go back to Clarkson and get them to sign off on it is a mistake. I will make you a promise. If they will go back and if they will take this resolution back to the Clarkson staff, and the Clarkson staff will sign off on it as is and say we support the projects, and we support the \$47 million to be done unilaterally, I will do something I have never done before. I will reverse my position and vote for the resolution. I do not think you can accept that challenge, ladies and gentlemen, because I do not think it will happen. I suggest that you vote for my amendment and at least give the CON committee a clear shot at making the decision based upon the facts and figures presented to them by the medical school.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. You have heard the closing on the Schmit amendment. The question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is not adopted. Now we are back to the bill. You don't have anything else on it, do you, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Not at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Warner. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, it is not my desire to drag this out, but it is my desire that you be fully informed. I am going to stand here today and tell you that if you pass this resolution in the manner in which it is now written, you are closing the door, you are not opening the door, to continued cooperation between Clarkson and UNMC. We have told them you can go ahead and build these facilities by yourself. You do not need to have any cooperation with Clarkson. Clarkson needs additional operating rooms. Clarkson needs additional patient facilities in certain areas. They