

me, that makes some kind of sense. In rural Nebraska, we find hospitals that are in desperate condition because they cannot sustain the facilities that they once built. We are going to find the same situation in Omaha one of these days because it is easier to build a facility, ladies and gentlemen, than it is to maintain it. Senator Warner made reference to the fact that there are a few minor costs in the budget bill, General Fund dollars, that supports the school up there. That will be called upon to increase, it will necessarily do so. If you do not, if you do not pass this resolution, we have said you ought to cooperate. We are not doing it now. I would suggest, ladies and gentlemen, that the reason that the UNMC did not go to Clarkson and have them sign off on the resolution was because they knew they would not do so. It is not because they are not interested. I stand on these numbers. I stand on these statements, ladies and gentlemen. You can disregard them if you will. I have no ability to force you to read, to listen, or to understand. You have every opportunity to believe those others who think differently.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And I do not discount the seriousness and the concern and the good intentions of the members of the Appropriations Committee who brought this resolution before us, but I do think that it is wrong. I said so a year ago and I think I was at least partially vindicated because as Dr. Andrews said, this is a new project today we bring to you. Then I ask you this, since you approved the project last year, how can you come here today and say, okay, we were wrong last year, let's approve a different project. What will you say if a year from now a different project is brought here. At what point in time, ladies and gentlemen, does the credibility of this Legislature begin to suffer. I think it has suffered enough. I would oppose the resolution in this form.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, are you going to close or was Senator Hannibal? Senator Warner.