

SENATOR WARNER: Just, I will share the closing, Mr. President. I just want to briefly say that I can only, obviously, speak for myself but for myself I am convinced that the project as proposed is in the best interest of the citizens of the state and should proceed. I do want to point out that my understanding from the hearing is that the site, for example, of the facility is as the result of the joint master plan that had been worked out with...worked with cooperative with the Clarkson facility. So there have been numerous things in here that were included. There has been reference to the surgery rooms, operating rooms. Apparently, the institution, the Med Center has seven operating rooms, two of which I understand are only really capable because of the inherent design of the facility to be renovated or remodeled to be what is necessary for equipment and the things that go with an operating room nowadays. So the facility will add six new ones. We are not talking about eight new surgery rooms, we are talking about one more than what is currently there, seven as opposed to eight. The walkway that was mentioned by Senator Schmit is a part of the overall concept of joint use for those two facilities which is in place and to my knowledge is going ahead and I believe in those areas where they can go ahead they will, but the bottom line from my viewpoint is simply that this is a good policy decision for medical services. It is reasonably soundly financed and will contribute to the health care more effectively for our citizens across the state and we should adopt it, and I would give the balance of my time to Senator Hannibal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Well, Mr. President and members, I appreciate we have had a lot of discussion. Senator Schmit just did point out to me, and I think it is fair to point out to the body, that what Senator Warner just mentioned that the idea that the university center, the Medical Center and Clarkson have been talking and have had some information in newspapers just recently about a possible walkway, that is not part of this project. That is not part of the cost of this project. That is something different. It is something they are working on, and I think it is fair to point that out, but, briefly and in summary, I can't say, as always is the case, anything better than Senator Warner has said. He echoes my thoughts a lot. I am convinced that this is in the best interest of the people of the State of Nebraska. As a matter of fact, that is how I try to vote at all