

administration or med center, about the results of the Black and Veatch study?

SENATOR HALL: None.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, fine, thank you. I wanted to confirm that before I got up on the floor and just comment about the procedure. First of all, I want to make it very clear to Senator Hannibal, I, first of all, appreciate his taking the time to do this. As are all of us, he is very busy, particularly helping circle the wagons on the budget debate every morning here. I know he is a very, very busy beleaguered individual, and I appreciate that, and I...thank you, Senator Baack. I appreciate that. So I am not at all critical of him but I guess I would like to point out for the body, it really wasn't Senator Hannibal who had the main questions about this. He volunteered very generously his time to pursue this additional study, but he wasn't the one who needed to be convinced. The people that needed to be convinced were those that voted in favor of the Withem-Hall amendment on 812 on Select File. I know what Senator Hannibal says that this does, and on the surface, it appears to and it does agree with the Daly report, but I am not sure what that means. I am still not sure what that means. We had some legitimate questions about whether or not the Pharmacy School needed to be repaired. We had experts on both sides of the issue quoted in our daily newspaper that questioned whether this needed to take place. We raised some legitimate questions. I do not think that it is proper procedure by an agency of our state government wishing to expend almost \$3 million of taxpayers dollars, when legislators have very specific, legitimate concerns, to expect those concerns to be answered by having a sheet of paper dumped on the desk of a senator and asked to vote on that measure 35 minutes later. I am objecting to that procedure. I still do not know. I am convinced I probably...you probably are on the way of getting me convinced that this needs to take place but I object quite highly, and I don't fault Senator Hannibal for this. It is not his job to lobby for the university for their expenditures, but it is the job of the agency requesting the appropriation to see to it, if they care, if they care about legislators that have concerns, it is their job to give more notice with their information than merely 45 minutes. For that reason, if we are to read LB 812 today, which I assume will be the will of the body, and if it is to be brought to a final vote, which I assume it will be, I am not going to support this