

SENATOR HANNIBAL: There certainly is a way. I would recommend the Appropriations Committee as a starter.

SENATOR SCHMIT: (Laughter). Well, thank you, Senator.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: No, as a matter of fact, seriously, Senator Schmit, when the bills, when those funds are first put out, the bonding provisions are first made aware of on the floor, those kinds of provisions are explained for purposes of the bond rating. And, quite frankly, it is a legitimate question because once that provision has been made and is a matter of public record that those kinds of funds will be and have been coming back and lapse in the General Fund, it is, in sincerity, something that probably loses visibility, if you will.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I was afraid of that. Those funds have a tendency to be very low visibility funds for those of us who don't have the lightning rods out. I just want to say again, and I have no real valid criticism to add to the criticism I have heaped upon the medical facility in the past two years, but just to point out that some of those facilities seem to grow and grow and grow, never seem to quite reach their maturity, and never ever seem to quite have all of the funds that they need. A \$29 million program has stretched to 47 million and now we have another 8.7, and albeit for a very legitimate purpose, I want to point out again that this is a consumptive use of money. Now there are those who will say, oh, no, that is not true, Senator Schmit, you are way behind the times. And I probably am, but this is a consumptive use of money, and much of the \$2 million Foundation Funds would not be there were it not for some of the tax breaks perhaps that we have granted through 775, some of the other benefits that have accrued to business. The 5 million, of course, we know where that came from, all of us kicked in on that over the years as federal money, that didn't fall as manna from heaven, and the 1.7 million came apparently from cigarette smokers and, of course, they are a vanishing breed also. But in any case, I just want to suggest that I hope that you will think just a little bit again of the amendment I offered this morning relative to a very modest proposal for agricultural research, and there may well come a time, ladies and gentlemen, when you have plucked the fruit from the tree and the tree goes barren, and there will be no more fruit. I don't want to beat that same old bag of bones that I have beat for many years, but we can build buildings, and we can build facilities, and we can build research facilities, but if we do