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SENATOR HANNIBAL: That is correct.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, so we are not spilling any money that we authorized for the expansion or renovation project last year at the Medical Center over into this other project, then?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: No, with the exception that there is a master plan being worked on by the Medical Center in total. This is part of that but this has nothing to do...this was originally all going to be funded with federal funds, part of the NCAT program that part of the University at Lincoln campus got quite a bit of money for that Representative Smith worked on in Congress. Senator Kerrey was able on the other side, on the Senate side, was able to secure the 5 million. We were hoping to get the whole 8.4, originally that was what it was for, but he was not able to get that number. But, no, you are correct, this is not part of the same project.

SENATOR WESELY: And the \$2 million private donations, is that going to be raised by the Foundation then, or how does that...

SENATOR HANNIBAL: That is correct. That was a pledge that they made towards this project.

SENATOR WESELY: When did they...have they made that pledge official, has that recently been done? How did that pledge get made?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Well, that is a good question, Senator Wesely. I have just been told that that pledge has been made and it will be there.

SENATOR WESELY: So I have got to talk with them about another project and they seem to have got themselves involved in so many different things they are unable to move into new areas, so I am just a little surprised to hear that they are able to free up \$2 million in private donations, but I'd be curious as to the pledge and its origin and its timing, if you don't mind, at some point.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I will find that answer for you, if I can.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, thank you.