

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...we are getting our priorities out of perspective. I want to say one more thing, very frankly, I have only been here 22 years, I would probably have to be here another 22 years before the building at Mead would get much higher than 13th or 14th. So with that I would rest my case.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Could I ask a question of Senator Hannibal or anybody else?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hannibal, would you respond?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I'll try.

SENATOR LYNCH: When we discussed last year the about \$50 million construction project at the university, it was mentioned that no general revenue funds were necessary because the rates would be increased to make up whatever cost difference there would be, and the rates are, obviously, very high, if not the highest, in the top three. Will this construction project, from whatever source the funding is developed, have anything to do with the rates, either now or in the future, do you know?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Well, Senator Lynch, thank you for asking the question because it will give me an opportunity also to respond better to Senator Moore's question dealing with General Fund expenditures that would be used for the operations of the building. I said no, and I have been reminded that while I said that, and that is probably the intention, that it hasn't been said for sure that there won't be a request for General Funds for the operational cost of this new addition. However, to Senator Moore, I will answer that that request would come through the appropriation process. None has been made and it would be my hope that that request would not come through for operation costs because it would be something that was never anticipated and might be looked upon less than favorably. However, back to your question, Senator Lynch, the...if you don't have General Funds to support operational costs, then you would be looking to other sources of funds and, in this particular case, you would have two sources of funds. One would be patient revenues from the hospital, which if you did use some of those funds, obviously, that would have some pressure on the