

medical care and research, and we have to start considering how it applies to what people have to pay for the use of the facilities that, in fact, support that cost. We can't afford much more.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Rogers is announcing that he has 47 seventh graders from St. Paul Public Schools in St. Paul visiting in our south balcony, with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and take a bow. Thank you. We are glad you could spend some time with us. Any other discussion on LB 1220? Senator Hannibal, would you like to close?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would and I appreciate the comments that have been made on issues that, while they aren't directly related with this, certainly come into play in our thinking process on this floor dealing with our priorities. I would like...I am sorry I don't see Senator Schmit on the floor, and if he is listening, I would like to add one other things on the Fine Arts Education because it doesn't have anything to do with this issue but I understand his frustration with the Mead Center, and I would like to just put back on the record, for a second, that that original request came in 18 years ago for that particular addition and it has been on the list off in different areas for 18 years. So, keep faith, Senator Schmit, that Mead Center may yet get there. Number two, I did make kind of an erroneous statement on the priority and it was being pointed out to me that there is no other higher priority that has not been funded yet other than this particular project. So the final things that I would like to say is that we are dealing with the facilities, there is money involved. It was going to be originally all federal money. We have had a commitment by the federal government, now we have had a commitment by the private sector, and now they are looking for a small part from the state, and I realize a million, seven is a lot, and it does seem that the funds source, this \$1,740,000, which has, by the way, been spent on an annual basis, because it just comes back into our General Fund as a lapse, becomes money available for the next year, but it seems extremely appropriate that cigarette tax revenues be used to help increase cancer research. It seems like a good trade. We do spend about a million, three right now on annual cigarette tax fund revenues towards cancer research as a direct appropriation, and that the Medical Center has become one of the leading centers in the country, as a matter of fact, is world renown on things such as bone marrow transplants and, as Senator Johnson pointed out, one