

when I was Chairman of Exec Board, one of the first things I did was send letters to every institution within a day or two after I was elected, indicating that...and the practice in those days was everything came to the Exec Board, that we would not entertain any resolutions for approval of issuance of bonds for new construction, for the next two years, they'd have to be brought in while the Legislature was in session. And that, in fact, is what occurred. But I think it's a much more logical process for project approval to use the coordinating commission conceptually, as outlined by Senator Beutler's amendment, and for a couple of reasons. I think the process is better, and I also think it's much more constitutional in its approach than what the practice has been ever since the authorization for bonds was made part of the Constitution a good many years ago. And, by the way, even as it sits now, the way the law reads, is that approval is automatic in 30 days, unless disapproved by the Legislature, so that we have granted approval, in effect, for any of these projects, unless we disapprove them by statute, in any event. But I think the concept is a good one. I'm sure it's more constitutional than the approach that we have, by custom, followed. And approval ought to be in relation to the project, it certainly goes hand-in-hand with program approval and disapproval. And for those reasons I think conceptually it's a better approach.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Wehrbein. Senator Wehrbein passes. Senator Schmit.

SENATOK SCHMIT: Madam President, I do not argue that the Constitution may preclude what we are doing. My argument is very simply this, I do not believe that this Legislature should surrender any kind of oversight, voluntarily, such as we are doing here today. It is a green light to those entities to continue on the course they have followed, and which today has helped to put this body in the kind of financial bind which has caused us to look under every rock and behind every tree to try to find additional sources of funding. I understand I'm probably out voted, and out gunned, and out talked, and that's not the first time, nor will it be the last. But I want to call attention to the fact that just as was the case with the proposal for the medical school, the \$29 million proposal was supposed to be the ultimate plan for all time, at least not for all time, but for a considerable time. Just what the university needed. Unfortunately, it went through so easy, that next year they came back and needed another 20 million bucks, and of