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PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Carpenter, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Certainly.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Carpenter, is this amendment that you are proposing at this point, virtually the same one considered by the Public Works Committee?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I think it is exactly the same one.

SENATOR KREMER: All right. I think I would support Senator Carpenter's desire to bring this to the attention of the entire body. I have here a record of those that appeared at the time of the Public Hearing and those that supported this amendment was the Nebraska Assoc..the Better Nebraska Association, the State Department of Roads, the representatives of the Highway Commission, the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. And there was opposition offered by several farm organizations as well as the Nebraska Highway Users and the Nebraska Petroleum Marketeers. Now this is an important thing we are deciding and I think that the entire body would...it would only be right that they have a look at this and help the Public Works make a decision on it. We saw fit at that time not to pass it out. But just this comment, I would support Senator Carpenter's proposal.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Kremer. The chair recognizes Speaker Proud, then Senator Lewis.

SENATOR PROUD: I have a little nugget that might be of some passing interest to you. I visited with Emory Burnett this morning and I asked him when is the last time we can put an amendment on Select File. He said, at the moment the computer is broken down, and that means that it is debatable whether any amendment put on Select File today can be ever voted on in Final Reading in this session. Further, that if the computer were working, the last time it would be physically possible to put an amendment on Select File and have the particular bill passed this session would be early tomorrow morning.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lewis, then Senator Nore.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to comment on this. Now as a member of the Public Works Committee, we had this up for a careful review. We heard the discussion and I gave it careful consideration and I voted not to adopt this amendment and I hate to see at this late hour with the rush of business that we have, I hate to see something like this presented to the body without a lot of careful consideration and I don't think we have the time right now to give it careful consideration.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore. General discussion on LB 87, on Select File.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow members, I would like to just..this is my own opinion, my own thoughts. I would be absolutely opposed to issuing any more bonds. The interest rates are high and we shouldn't have issued any bonds in the first place. I think they run around seven per cent and I am also opposed to raising the gas tax, so that's it.

PRESIDENT: All right. Now is there any further discussion of LB 87. We didn't have any motion before us and it was just general discussion. Senator Carpenter, back to you then. We will try to....

SENATOR CARPENTER: All I want to say is that the computers are now working. The Executive Council will have a meeting