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SENATOR MILLS: Senator Duis, I have one question that pertains to your override and I assume it is your override. Excuse me. I was wondering, one day this last week, you were comparing the cost of the new road maps with the cost of your bill that had been overridden by the Governor. Did you find out that cost?

SENATOR DUIS: I have written to the State Engineer for that cost but he has not replied as yet. As a matter of fact, he hasn't gotten the letter yet.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think that it would be well for me to say just a word here if I might. First off, let me say, Senator Cavanaugh, I am sure, was speaking about our help for each other in jest. I have helped him many a time and I am going to help him again and he has helped me many a time. We have had our arguments at times but I am a firm believer that that lasts five minutes because we may need each other the next ten minutes. We have this problem as well as most of us do in here and I am going to continue to help Senator Cavanaugh and I am sure he will help me in the future, too, but we do jest with each other an awfully lot and we do get real sore at each other because, as you know, I was redheaded at one time, too. Even more so than he and I had more freckles but I have passed that stage and so maybe I have mellowed a little bit. But let me say this, if I might, about this legislation. I told the Governor of the state of Nebraska when he vetoed this and let me say this. The Governor didn't call me up to tell me he was going to veto it. He didn't let me know at all. He just did it. Now that is his prerogative but, of course, I believe had it been me I would have asked somebody what they meant by it before I did it but that is his prerogative. I made the statement on the floor of the Legislature that I would not make the motion to override the veto. After, Senator Cavanaugh made the motion, I called the Governor of the state of Nebraska and I told him the situation and told him I had not gone back on my word but I said, Governor, let me tell you this. I certainly will vote to override your veto even though I have told you I will not make the motion. I do believe the bill is extremely necessary and I may say this to you. This is not my bill. This is the Committee's bill. My name is merely on there as Chairman of the Committee and the Committee that I have of Rules and Regulations is a real, real fine Committee and we have done a lot of hard work. We have spent two years getting all of these rules and regulations coded. We have made all of the Departments follow forms. Everyone can find these very easily now and we want to be sure that the general public of the state of Nebraska is enhanced by the work that we have done and the work of the Legislature and the Rules and Regulations are the privilege of the people to know what they are, so I am certainly going to help Senator Cavanaugh in overriding the veto.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, I am going to help, also, and I move the previous question.