

there may be some need for gasoline tax increases. We recognize that but it allows the Legislature to be involved. That is the most important part of the whole issue, and, again, I hope you understood when Senator Warner pointed that out. It provides for some legislative involvement. You go back and read the history, ladies and gentlemen, as a Legislature, we have the responsibility to lay down the policy, and then we also have a responsibility to follow up and see if that policy is being adhered to. That is why the people elect us. This is a major area of expense for the taxpayer of the State of Nebraska. We have a major responsibility to see to it that it is adhered to. I want to emphasize again, provides for a north-south expressway, maybe more than one, if the department so deems. Number two, it accelerates the present program. Number three, provides for financing the system. Number four, provides for legislative involvement. I don't think anyone can ask for anything more than that. I don't believe that that is unreasonable.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is a reasonable kind of program, ladies and gentlemen. I hope that you will support the amendment, support the Hartnett amendment, and support the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question...

SENATOR SCHMIT: (Microphone not activated) ...the Dierks amendment that will follow this one.

PRESIDENT: Okay. The question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Schmit's amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The Schmit amendment is adopted. Any further?

CLERK: Yes, sir, there is. Mr. President, if I might right before that, Enrollment and Review reports LB 1041 correctly engrossed. I have amendments from Senators Warner, Wesely and Ashford to be printed to LB 684. (See pages 1770-73 of the Legislative Journal.)