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understands...understandably wants what is best for Papillion but it is not possible to give everybody a hundred percent of what they'd like to have. We are working on smoothing out the line and we'll offer some suggestions on Select File, assuming that we get to Select File. Good faith has been exercised all along. Our maps have been shared with Senator Bourne and those with whom he was communicating. We have received a great deal of input from Senator Hartnett, and we have excluded no one. Our failure may have been to have had full debate yesterday. However, no one objected when the question was called. So with that, why I believe the record more accurately reflects the Sarpy County situation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Further debate? Senator Hilgert, followed by Senators Wickersham, Thompson, Bruning, Smith, and Hartnett. Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: I was speaking last about...I was referring to these letters that I received from the city of Norfolk, Mr. President, members, about the economic devastation that will occur if Tom Osborne represents Madison County. And I believe I made my point there, but the point was underscored when my good honorable friend, Senator Bruning, came up to me and said that Osborne had just spoken recently at the community college in Norfolk, and that he uses Norfolk as his regional hub to get out to some of the voters in that part of his district. So to say that Tom Osborne is completely unfamiliar with the city of Norfolk and Madison County and would somehow be neglectful, on the contrary Congressman Osborne not only knows where Norfolk is, but he uses Norfolk, he speaks in Norfolk, and he knows Norfolk. I think Tom Osborne can do the job. I will also observe that none of the letters that I received from Norfolk or Madison County are partisan in nature. None of them say that they are Republicans or Democrats. They don't even mention politics. Their main focus is, is the economic problems that will ensue if Tom Osborne represents them in the Congress. In fact, one says it seems illogical to make this change at a time when the entire state of Nebraska will benefit from this one project; the one project meaning the road. Well, if the entire state will benefit, again, I am lost. Why would somehow the project be ended because Tom Osborne is representing the