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well and I will intend to close and answer whatever questions you may have about the language. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak first and then Senator Warner and then Senator Cullan and then Senator Lamb and then Senator Kahle. Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, I oppose Senator Landis' amendment. I think it is ill-timed and in the wrong place. We have had a similar request in the Appropriations Committee and we appropriated a million, eight, nine hundred thousand dollars to this particular concept. We didn't give them their whole appropriation. We gave very few people everything they asked for but a million nine out of two million two hundred thousand is not bad. That is taking care of them pretty generously. I think Senator Landis, a lot of his arguments are very valid. I think that we have taken care of this or certainly the majority of it. I think we are to the point where we have to recognize and we have to realize that everybody just can't get everything that they want. As much as we can't budget on needs, we have to budget on available resources. You know, Senator Landis was quick to point out about the scarcity of energy and I think he is absolutely right but there is also a scarcity of tax dollars and we just cannot continue to ask taxpayers to pay, pay, pay and everybody is going to have to do with a little less. The thing, another thing that is disturbing on this is the...Senator Landis is correct in that the rural areas do get funded first but I think we all understand the complicated nature of the rural areas of the state and the difficulties we have in providing mass public transit. It isn't a matter of dollars necessarily. It is just absolutely a matter that it is not feasible so, therefore, as you go down the list, and I am glad that Senator Landis pointed that list out, very few of these dollars go outside of Omaha and Lincoln and that is not bad either. That is by the nature of the area that many of us represent. So it is, in effect, as Senator Landis said, a bill to put more tax dollars into transportation in Omaha and Lincoln which again his arguments on the conservation of the roads, et cetera, are not too valid because what we are really talking about are city streets. We are really not talking about state highways because this particular measure has very little impact outside of the cities of Omaha and Lincoln. So I oppose this. I think it is another erosion of our Highway Trust Fund and Senator Landis brought out a laundry list of precedent being established in that area and I would submit to you that that is one of the reasons we are raising gas taxes this morning is because we have continually eroded

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