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for the adoption of the amendment. The Highway Commission... I'm glad they brought this to our attention because under no circumstances would I want to put another 1200 miles on the state system. If there are any questions about it I would answer them. Otherwise, I would move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I support Senator Keyes in this. I had misgivings all along about this procedure and I think that it is a good thing we found out what the story really was before we had a chance to vote on the bill. So I support changing this back and putting these roads under the local subdivision. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I did not receive, to my knowledge, a copy of that letter. I wonder if it could be read for our benefit so that we know exactly what it says. I think it is important that we do that.

SENATOR KEYES: Just for Senator Schmit and the rest of the Senators, and I do not read as fast as Pat O'Donnell. "The Nebraska State Highway Commission at its regular monthly meeting in Lincoln on March the 28th, 1980 discussed 873 presently before the Legislature. As a result of the discussion, they unanimously passed a resolution against the passage of 873. Passage of this bill could place an additional 1200 miles of recreation and scenic roads under the jurisdiction and responsibility of the state with no additional funding. The Department of Roads is experiencing rapid deterioration". And that is all it says. The Department of Roads does not have the resource, manpower or financial capacity to accept these additional 1200 miles of road. The amendment that we are offering simply takes that 1200 miles and makes certain that it is not a part of the state system unless it is presently a part of the state system. Senator Schmit, I hope that alleviates your fears.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Then what roads would we be dealing with, Senator?

SENATOR KEYES: I have in mind only one road. That is the state road Highway 31 in which there is eleven miles that lead to the Gretna Recreation Area. I will be very honest with you, no other way would I deal with it.