

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Carsten, did you want to address that E clause situation now?

SENATOR CARSTEN: I think we can do that at any point along in here. It is only a technical thing and we may want to address it a little later. I just wanted to alert the body to it, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Sieck, you're going to handle the bill and I have these lights on to speak to the bill: Senators Hefner, Warner, Newell, Cope and Beutler. If you do not wish to speak to the bill itself please turn your light off. Thank you. Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I can see that we are pretty conservative by the vote here. We are not thinking of \$8 million, we're just thinking of \$4 million and we are only thinking about eight miles of highway. But I feel we have to address ourselves to a need in the State of Nebraska and some of the things that have been happening and I want to do this in this route. What LB 233 will do is authorize the issuance of bonds to be used for the construction of highways in this state. This will be done to improve our state highways where repair is badly needed and to make these highways safe for the citizens of this state. I recall many years ago this law was passed during Norbert Tiemann's reign of the State of Nebraska as he was Governor. Governor Exon felt that this was wrong and our present Governor feels this is wrong but I wish you would take a look at what is happening today. We have an economic drouth or a famine as you would call it in the construction business. I feel that if we could put some of these construction people to work we may get some highways improved even though we are paying a pretty good rate of interest on the money that we are borrowing over and above what it would cost us with interest in getting highway construction done cheaper and I feel that we should really be thinking about this. Okay, this bill as written is constitutional, sounds as it is. It simply appropriates the proceeds from such bonds to the highway cash fund of the Department of Roads. Though not earmarked especially for any one highway in this state for Constitutional reasons, the introducers of this bill introduced this proposal to