

dangerous and badly needs reconstruction. My constituents do support bonding. Now you have a letter on your desk, a news clipping from the Headliner (sic) out of Stromsburg. Now I can assure you this individual is a very conservative individual. He would be the last person I would expect to do something like this. Yet from the response of his people he feels the need of doing something to correct a situation that we have in that particular area. I have a whole file of correspondence on this issue in my office. I will read one such as, Mrs. Mark Larson from Stromsburg says, "I know money isn't easy to come by but this road needs serious consideration. There aren't any shoulders to pull over on it if you have a problem." She goes on to say, "I would like to ask you and your colleagues a question. How safe would you consider the members of your family if they had to travel this road once or twice a week?" Another lady, Mrs. Ruth Peterson whose front yard would be dug up to add shoulders to this road says, "The reconstruction is going to be very disruptive to say the least to our front yard and a good length of our fence line, however, even if one life, whether that of a family member or a total stranger ought to be worth saving." Now I can see where the Highway Department is going to have some easy work there because a lot of times it is very difficult to get land rights and here is a lady that wants this road built. There is probably no one in the community who is aware of the public pulse better than the newspaper editor. Now as I told you before, you have that copy on your desk and I would like to have you read it.

SENATOR NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SIECK: Highway 81 is a good example of why this bill is important to the safety of the people of this state. I want you to think seriously about the fear that these people are living in when you vote on the issue. Now I did get a letter just today from Mr. Coolidge and he assures me that they are going to do something on that road but we had that assurance many times before. Way back in 1970 they had it in the five year program. But I would like to be sure that this time it gets done and I would like your support on this bill to assure them that we mean what we say, we are willing to give them the money. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I stand here today supporting this issue. I know that issuing highway bonds isn't too popular right at this time but I think some of our highways are in dire need of repair and rebuilding. I want to come from a little different angle than