

travel as well as communities which are dependent on the highway as a commerial life line. I would hope that this project would move along as quickly as possible and I would ask your support in helping this area. Like I said, my area is not too bad on 81 right now but I do travel it and I think these people down on 81 in the southern part do deserve more than what they are getting. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would rise to support Senator Warner, Senator Vickers and Senator Kahle in opposition to this particular bill. If you will look at the record I think you will see that Senator Carsten, Senator Kahle and myself voted in opposition to bringing the bill to the floor of the Legislature in spite of all the testimony that was given by the various interests in favor of it. I have a strong feeling that this is not the time for us to be talking about spending any sums of money other than what we can raise. I am in strong support with Martin Kahle on our trying to get to the point where we get some of the tax funds that we ought to on what we call special fuels, diesel fuel and propane fuel that is not now paying taxes in many areas but it just seems to me that if Highway 81 is in the shape that it is in then it behooves the towns up and down that area to come to the State Department of Roads and to plead their cause and ask for that to be a priority development rather than to come to the Legislature and ask us to bond this state. I think we've got enough problems nationally with debt. We won't worry about high interest rates. The truth of the matter is the reason why we have the high interest rates is because of the high national debt and we ought to recognize that and I think my generation ought to be ashamed of saddling these young people that sit in front with the kind of national debt we have saddled them with without paying our way as we went. I just would hope that we don't start to try to do that in the State of Nebraska.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb has called a meeting of the Executive Board underneath the South balcony at three-thirty. Senator VonMinden, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR VonMINDEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise to oppose spending this money also. I can't see how we can expect to go into bonds for our future generation when we are supposed to be the smartest generation that there is right now and there's some questions I want to ask anybody who can answer it. This is my second year here but this