

for it. I really can go ahead and say don't let's get these bonds going. Don't let's spend any more money. I have got news for you, fellows. You're going to spend it because those people that work for the construction companies they're going to be drawing unemployment because remember, they don't work for private enterprise as private enterprise but the government is the only one that ever hires them indirectly, and when they have gone as far as they can on unemployment, then you're going to get them on welfare, and I'll tell you what, Franklin Delano Roosevelt wasn't so stupid. He gave the taxpayers something for their money. They worked for their money. So if you want to go against LB 233 all those in favor of long extended unemployment checks and then welfare checks, vote red, but if you want to get something for your money I think I'd vote for 233 even though I don't like the idea of it either but I'd rather get something for my money than nothing. Thank you, Senators.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't think that any of us who have our names on the bill will object to taking cash for the construction of the highway. I think that, I haven't polled the group but I'm sure that if those funds are available for improving Highway 81 in that manner we'd be glad to do it. Number two, I think we all recognize that the Legislature by the passage of this bill would not be issuing the bonds. That is still going to be up to the Governor to make that decision. Well all we can do is give the Governor some indication of how we feel. Number three, you know it is always interesting to me about the pay as you go thing. We hear that, I've used it myself when it's appropriate, serves my purpose, talk about paying as you go and I think it is a good idea and I will certainly continue to advocate that. I go along with Senator Kahle. I think that it is amazing to me that at a time when we've seen the cost of gasoline increase by 300% in the last two years that we get such a hue and cry right when we raise the gasoline tax a little bit. We've given our Department of Roads and Mr. Coolidge, our engineer, almost an impossible job to keep, to maintain the highways under the present cost structure with a decreasing amount of revenue. Small automobiles, increased accent upon energy conservation, decreased travel by automobile, all these have created tremendous problems for Mr. Coolidge not to mention some of the exemptions which I have helped to instigate which have further reduced the amount of funds available. What I am trying to point out, what the proponents here have been pointing out to you is this fact. Highway 81 is one of the two major north/south highways in the State of Nebraska. We also have pointed out