

others that have come before this Legislature, there was an agreement on the State Office Building which has been constructed in Omaha that it would be a combination of public and private funds. There were a number of articles in the World Herald...I don't know if other papers picked it up or not, but stating that not a brick would be laid on that building until all of the money had been made available, until the binding promises had been made to provide enough money to complete that project. The agreements were made. The building was constructed. On this Freeway, I also gave you a letter from the Department of Transportation stating that there is no way to guarantee future funding for this project. So even if the entire \$2 million which may be available were to go to this project, it would be \$2 million on a project in excess of \$50 million. There is no guarantee of future funding. There is a dispute as to who will pay for the relocation of utilities involved in this project. So there are a lot of loose ends. There have even been some types of contracting with Henningson, Durham & Richardson that are unusual in this state. They were given an open-ended contract to do whatever they had to do as quickly as they could to try to get this thing on the road and the state would agree to pay whatever it cost to do what Henningson, Durham & Richardson was being asked to do. So they took a project which was not two miles long and broke it up into 22 individual contracts hoping that they could hurry up and get some concrete laid on the ground so that the project could be said to be on the way. But remember this, with \$2 million on a \$50 million project, you can't do any building but you perhaps can do a lot of destroying. You can start to digging a roadbed. You can pretend that you are going to improve some drainage and leave a devastated community. What I think the Legislature ought to do is advance this bill to Select File and then have Senator Newell who is going to speak against this bill, have Mayor Boyle who won't talk to me about the bill or answer any questions, have the Department of Roads come in here and guarantee you that there will be money to complete this project and that it won't simply be a literal gash going through the middle of a community. If they can give you those guarantees, I could understand your reluctance to support me in this bill. All of you know that I am supporting it to try and save the community in which I live. Since you don't live there, your interests won't be as keen in that line as mine are. But I hope you listen very carefully to whatever it is that Senator Newell has to say, and what I am talking about this morning now remember is not morality, not justice, only money. Let the discussion