

I could disguise the people in my community as trees, we would have a chance to make it. So maybe what I ought to do since we are talking about defining power, defining relationships, we ought to define some beings, and say that anybody who lives between Lake and Ames, between 16th and 30th is a tree, then you can't deal with them in the highhanded, careless, crass way that you deal with the people who live there now. And while I have this opportunity, we have to consider what the purpose of a road is. The purpose of a road is to get from one place to another to make a bed on which different types of vehicles can move. Although I didn't mention during the last discussion, there was a road that went past some peoples' houses in Senator Kilgarin's District and they were upset, and they came to me for help, and the Roads Department did not want to meet with those people. Yes, an Interstate shaking peoples' foundations loose, messing up their houses, right now. But the Roads peoples' attitude was, if we take care of your house, then we are going to admit responsibility and we are going to have to take care of everybody's house that the Freeway is messing up. This is the Interstate down there in South Omaha where everybody seems to be so concerned about. So maybe what ought to be done, Senator Johnson, is to just hold this bill right where it is, then discuss and consider during an interim study as we study all things that we really don't want to deal with or that are not very important, just what the function of the Roads Department is, establish a philosophy of roads in Nebraska. And I know that may not come to pass, but I couldn't resist the opportunity to make these statements and comments for the record. I understand we are going to have an animal rights bill at some point and probably some animals will be given more rights than people in my district have. But I can't reduce them to the level of defining them as four-footed animals. They still are rational human beings and although the Legislature does not view them in that fashion, I do, and my job is to come down here and represent our interests, Senator Duda, against anybody and any group that will put them down. And as other countries like Ireland where they send people to the Parliament to try to talk within the system to bring about changes when the system shows itself incapable of addressing the problems of those people, then the system has to be discarded as the means to handle those problems, and a different system must be put in place. Right now we are talking about the cutting down of trees and I don't see that as too important. I say cut down every tree in Nebraska and what difference does it make. In the same way that one bullet hitting one person is total war as much as an atomic bomb dropping on a society, if you cut down all the trees in my area, my area is no worse