

Peterson and others, it seems to me that what Luke is advising us to do this morning is make certain that we have enough wherewithal to complete a project or we shouldn't start it at all, the same attitude that we take toward the Vet School, that we took toward the State Office Building. But there may be some Senators who think that for some reason a difference ought to be made with this project and they now have the opportunity to offer that difference. I have about three or four more minutes on my opening, so I have got a couple of things that I want to share with you before I turn it over to others who would like to speak in behalf of this resolution. There can't be any opposition, I don't think. Bear with me a second. I had raised the issue of whether or not it is proper to use federal funds to relocate utilities because this project has been taken off the interstate system. Only, only when a project is on the interstate can public funds be used to pay for the relocation of those utilities, otherwise the utility companies have to pay for them. In October I addressed this question to the Federal Highway Administration. Yesterday I got a letter from the U.S. Department of Justice, and all of you can have a copy if you want it. Somebody is dragging their feet but the issue is alive and here is what that letter says. "Dear Senator Chambers: Your letter to the Attorney General regarding use of federal aid highway funds in connection with the relocation of public utilities has been referred to me for reply. As you are aware, the Federal Highway Administration has primary responsibility over all federal aid highway funds. I am informed that the Federal Highway Administration is presently investigating the matter set forth in your letter to the Attorney General and is obtaining additional information material to this investigation before making a decision in this regard. By copy of this letter I am requesting the Federal Highway Administration to advise me of any decision it makes in connection with the matters raised in your letter. Signed Paul McGrath, Assistant Attorney General." That is of the United States. So if there are matters that are still being investigated by the federal government, not just on the bid rigging, prudent people would realize that consideration...serious consideration should be given not to the possibility but to the likelihood that this road is not going to be funded by the federal government. Reagan is going to turn it back to the state, and even should that not happen, it has been made clear that before we reach the point of having a \$1,260 billion deficit as we see in the article from the