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New York Times handed out by Senator Hoagland this morning. You can consider these flush times. Starting next year you are going to find times of people being flushed down the stool and certainly these types of unjustified projects which have never been justified from the standpoint of a transportation facility are not going to be funded. Senator Newell gave us assurances and he is quoted in the February 2nd World Herald and, Senator Newell, I got a transcript of that debate so they did correctly represent your general feeling, but I will read what the World Herald said. "As for funding, Newell said he is confident that the federal government will continue to help on a year to year basis. Quote, the money is going to come. This may not be done in a two or three or four year period, but it will be completed and we will get a road that gives access to this community." The only possibility for completing this road will be i? the state commits itself. To now drop the other shoe. You have given public declaration of your support for the completion of this project. It takes money to complete. The only source of that funding will be the state. So I am offering this resolution to establish legislative intent. Then because the project has been so monstrous. I will have a third shoe to add to the third foot of this monster after this resolution passes. I ask you to support LR 214.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body. you know I have a tough time here because seldom do you find a convert so quickly changing his attitude on a road as Senator Chambers has done. I mean, Senator Chambers last week was here trying to promote a bill that would oppose the construction of the North Freeway. Today he wants to make sure it is funded. Now I ask you... I ask you, is Senator Chambers known for his inconsistency? Nope. Is Senator Chambers known for his frivolous activity? Nope. Is Senator Chambers known for being one of the most tenacious members of this body? Absolutely. Absolutely. And so I rise to oppose this resolution. I do so because I think I understand the game that is being played. I don't think Senator Chambers has changed his position. I don't think he is a convert now wanting to see this road built. I think Senator Chambers has come across a way to stop the road. And let me tell you how he is going to do it. What is the best way to make sure that the Congress of the United States won't fund this road? Tell them the state will. I mean, look, there is hard times, hard economic times,

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