

and so if we say that the state will fund this road, the federal government needs not do it, and therefore we have a real bind, the state government not having a lot of money will have a very difficult time promoting this road and it will compete with other interests. So Senator Chambers' game is very clear. Senator Chambers is trying to oppose this road by trying to inform the federal Congress, inform the federal government that we want this road so bad we will pay for it ourselves. Now, frankly, if Congress makes the changes as Senator Chambers talks about, that may be a real option, but it is way too premature to say, we are going to fund it now and encourage Congress not to fund it. We don't know whether the President's program will be accepted by Congress. Those are things that we do not know. We don't know how and we don't know when. We do know that the federal government gave us \$2 million. Senator Zorinsky's office said that we will likely...there is a very good possibility, not a guarantee, that we would get \$2 million more dollars this year, that Senator Zorinsky and Senator Exon are presently working on funding for next year. Those are federal dollars. Those federal dollars have been committed to this project and I don't think we should say, no, we don't want that money, we will do it with our own dollars. Now let me say that the bottom line here is that if we pass this resolution, we are promoting Senator Chambers' consistent and tenacious opposition to this road, saying that we will pay for it and will compete with the projects that we have presently on line. But there is one more reason why this is a bad resolution, and here is the important reason, Howard Peterson. Here is the important reason, Martin Kahle.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR NEWELL: Here is the important reason, Bill Nichol. Is this Legislature to begin saying that we are going to set the priorities as we used to do on which roads get built, or are we going to make that an administrative decision? Are we going to let the Highway Commission make those decisions. Are we going to have public hearings and continue with the same process that we have now? If we move this resolution through, we are saying that the Legislature is once again going to do away with the professionalism that we have developed in that department and that we personally are going to make these decisions, each and every one of them. So we encourage Martin Kahle to come in with a proposal, Bill Nichol to come in with a proposal, Jim Goll to come in with a proposal, Howard Peterson to come in with a proposal, and we will spend our