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time debating road projects from now until forever. I oppose this resolution. It is, in fact, a wolf in sheep's clothing.

SENATOR CLARK: We have an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the resolution. (Read the Chambers' amendment as found on page 605 of the Legislative Journal).

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, there was some discussion the other day as to exactly how much money remains on this project, but in order that I won't understate the amount or leave anything to doubt, I have put in the specific figure that was given to me by Ray Hogrefe who is the division or district representative of the Federal Highway Administration's offices in Lincoln. So in the 7th Whereas...and this does not relate to whether you like the resolution or not, it specifies the amount of money remaining to be spent for this project. Now regardless of what Senator Newell says about why I am doing what I am doing, we are in what the law people call a res ipsa loquitur situation, the facts speak for themselves. Now it makes no difference whether I like the road, hate the road, like Mayor Boyle, dislike Mayor Boyle, agree with Senator Newell, disagree with Senator Newell. We are dealing with an issue which can be judged on its merits and the Legislature has taken some affirmative actions. It has not simply sat back and done nothing. The first resolution offered on this project was offered by Senator Newell, and it was adopted by the Legislature May 28th, 1981. He set the pattern which I am following. So if anything, Senator Newell is now disavowing the action that he took on that date as a meddling piece of action by the Legislature interfering with the professionals whose job it is to set timetables and lay out priorities on road building. But we all know that the argument will change depending upon what side of it a person finds himself or herself. But I suggest that you adopt this amendment that I am offering to the resolution and consider what the resolution itself says. I talked the other day about road projects that have been built in Omaha to date and that none of them have done the things that were promised. Take I-680. I-680, Senator Newell, which goes into Northwest Omaha which you say needs to be helped by the North Freeway, and if what you say is true, then we ought to