

to ensure that the job will be completed. I mention that Deputy Director Charles Nutter had been quoted in this report and I would like to read what the report said about Mr. Nutter on page 0-7. "According to the Deputy State Engineer, Charles Nutter, Nebraska Department of Roads, traffic volumes did not dictate the construction of a beltway, meaning I-680. Local officials just decided to have a belt" and that was a quote, "despite the adequacy of preexisting routes to carry traffic through the metropolitan area". Now, remember, we are talking about the movement of traffic in a relatively small city. Listen to these words, "The important components of Omaha's economic base"...listen to this, and Senator DeCamp probably didn't even know this, I will read again..."The important components of Omaha's economic base, agriculture, services, trade and insurance are not particularly reliant upon the regional transportation network. Sections of the belt are quite new and none are heavily traveled." That is I-680. Senator DeCamp knew that. That is on page 0-21. But before I make you lose what my amendment is about, I will stop reading these statements from the report and maybe touch on them later if you have further concern or interest, but useless roads have been built in Omaha already. If you insist on building another useless road, let us at least state openly what the amount of money is that will be involved...the amount of money that the state itself may eventually have to expend on it. So my motion at this point is simply to insert the dollar figure that was told to me by the Federal Highway Administration that the remaining portion of the road will cost to construct. This is merely the North Freeway aspect, not that connector running to the airport because that is a local problem for Omaha to work out with the bond market being as soft as it is. So I am asking that you adopt my motion.

SENATOR CLARK: I would like to introduce to the Legislature, two visitors of Senator Marge Higgins. The visitors are seated under the south balcony and they are both her sisters, Mrs. Robert Young of Sloane, Iowa and Mrs. Sam Howell of Omaha. Will you stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Duda. The only thing we are on is the Chambers' amendment. Please confine your remarks to that.

SENATOR DUDA: I turned off my light. I would like to speak to the resolution.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, that's fine. Senator Marsh, did you want to talk on the amendment? Senator Fowler,