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against itself. What I have done in addition to that is to put some materials before you that will prove conclusively that despite what Mr. Coolidge has indicated to the Governor, and I know he indicated things to the Governor because the Governor told me, and the thing that Mr. Coolidge indicated to the Governor that the Governor told me is that "money is in the pipeline from Washington to finish this Freeway". If you turn to the third sheet of that handout, you will see a letter sent to me from the Department of Transportation dated February 23rd and you can read the whole letter but the third paragraph says, "Concerning your question about guaranteeing the funding of a highway project through to completion, no highway project which is funded by the federal government carries with it a guarantee of completion. As with all highway projects, continuing funding for the North Freeway will be subject to future Congressional authorizations." Well, right now times are not as hard as they are going to become with reference to federal spending. Prior to this year there was not a \$100 billion deficit facing the government. Because of this deficit, there are going to have to be cuts. The highway program is one of those that has been marked for such cuts. That being the case, you can say that \$2 million had been appropriated this year when times were good. If all that the state can get is \$2 million when times are good, you know there is little likelihood that more money will be coming when times are becoming bad. In addition to that, this is a part of the interstate transfer program which the president has said he intends to return to the state so all this resolution, when you get through the Whereases does, and I attached a copy of the resolution as the last page of this handout so if any of you are interested in looking at it, this is the significant language, "that in the event that the federal government shall fail to guarantee funds sufficient to complete the Omaha North Freeway, no construction shall be commenced." I am telling you this because they are continuing to tear down houses, they are continuing to cut down trees. Even though all of the evidence I have given you from Washington indicates that there is little likelihood of additional money, you have heard other Senators stand on the floor and without giving you any documentation say that they know money is coming. They have been told that this program is going to be extended so there will be a greater number of years allowed for completion but they have not given you one shred of solid evidence as I have been required to do. So you have before you the situation but I have to tie it into something that you might can relate to better than that Freeway. This article is dated February 15 and it talks about the greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce supporting the extension of authorization time for the Vet School, and it says in the next to the last paragraph, "A federal appropriation

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