

is no guarantee of sufficient federal funds to complete the North Freeway, then no construction should commence. That means they won't start digging a ditch that they call a roadbed and run out of money. They won't start what they call grading and run out of money and leave a fertile field for erosion, if you will pardon that mixing of metaphors. So I hope you will look at this resolution and see that it is not radical. It is straightforward and that you will vote to adopt it. Thank you. Oh, and if you adopt this resolution which doesn't do that much, then I will be through with the North Freeway for this session of the Legislature as far as offering resolutions, bills or amendments to appropriation bills.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I will be brief because I am sure the Legislature has dealt with this issue often enough and for long enough that they are not terribly interested in hearing more about it but I would like to speak directly to Senator Chambers concerns about the construction of the North Freeway. Senator Chambers, as you well know the Department of Roads has made a decision on where to spend those \$2 million and where they are going to spend that money is basically for two very positive projects, which I am sure you would not oppose; one is the remodeling of the Spencer Street homes, and the replacement units for those low income housing units. That is the primary place where the money will be spent this year and that will improve housing for poor people in the City of Omaha. I am sure you have no opposition to that kind of expenditure at this point in time. The other places where they are going to spend the money is to prepare the final design, in other words, the final design which is really a lot of paperwork and so forth so when the money does come through they will be able to move rapidly on the project. Those two places are where they are spending the money for this year. For that reasons, I am sure, Senator Chambers, this would be a more appropriate resolution maybe next year, although I wish you wouldn't get the votes for it then either, but I am sure that with those recognitions of the situation that you are not opposed to the Spencer homes and so I would urge you to withdraw. If you do not withdraw, I would urge the members of this Legislature to defeat the resolution.