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PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, I, too, rise in opposition to this resolution. Senator Chambers, for example, indicated that we were tearing houses down up there but we were not doing anything about rebuilding new houses and that sort of thing. Well, what Senator Chambers fails to tell you is that we have rebuilt over 250 homes in that same general vicinity that he is talking about at a cost anywhere from 8 to 38 thousand dollars apiece and that is just the renovation cost of the units. This particular resolution says that if the federal government can't guarantee that we will get all the money in one year, or at one time in other words, then we shouldn't proceed with any construction. There is no way that anybody whether it is the federal government or the state government or anybody else can guarantee you would get all the money in one year. So he creates a completely impossible situation and then says, if you can't do that, then we don't proceed with any construction. The Constitution has in it a Highway Commission. They are in charge of highway projects. Why don't we leave it up to them to work this problem out? That is their job. This is the third time we have had this and I suggest that enough is enough. I ask you not to adopt the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, you may close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I don't know about these houses that Senator Goodrich is talking about and I am going to want him to document for me the construction of all these houses and show that they are connected with the North Freeway and that they were built in the general area that he has said. That is a matter of record now. In the past, I have told you various things about funding. The things that I have told you about funding have developed in the way that I told you they would. I have given you documentation to establish it. Now you see Senator Goodrich and Senator Newell taking a different tack. Before I produced the letter where the federal government said it would not guarantee the funding, Senator Newell was saying he had been talking to people back in Washington and they had indicated money was coming. See, they know that you all will accept whatever they tell you. They know you will not accept what I tell you even though I present it in writing and I am backed by a hundred angels. Just like Jesus said, I think, they are not going to believe that somebody came back from the dead or believe