

say is less than the rest of the nation, which I think is something that is disturbing, that if you consider the seriousness of the situation it certainly would be worthwhile for us to give this more consideration. I do not and have not heard any defense of the current plan. I have not heard any statements that the Economic Recovery Program is working or about to work and I think that before we kill this resolution one of the people that is opposed to it perhaps would like to offer to us some illumination as to why the resolution is wrong.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm one of those people who is ever alert to the existence of an irony or a poetic justice. Now Senator Fowler has pointed out repeatedly that it was in May of last year that the Legislature intruded into this area with a resolution favoring the President's program. It was in May of last year and it was stated that they didn't have enough information to adequately back up that position. It was in May of last year that the Legislature intruded into an area dealing with the North Freeway which I objected to and said there was not enough information but it went ahead anyway. So we have two events that occurred last May that triggered activities that are going on to the present. In looking at this resolution I don't think it ought to be killed at this point because I think there are other issues that grow out of the economic conditions upon the country now that deserve discussion. And as you all might gather from what I have said already, the freeway issue is one of them. In the third "whereas", I think it's the third one, it says the tax cut is resulting in substantially reduced revenues at the state and federal levels. The same way with highways. There is reduced revenue for highways at the federal and state level. At the federal level because of budget cuts, at the state level because of a decrease in the amount of gasoline used as well as the price of gasoline. The next whereas says, it now appears certain that the federal budget will not be balanced by 1984 and that, in fact, deficits may reach one hundred billion dollars by that time. Now, it apparently means that cash for various things will not be made available. That is what I had argued about in connection with the freeway but that argument also fell on deaf ears. The next whereas says, "several members of Congress, both Democratic and Republican, have expressed grave concern about this mounting deficit." Now with reference to the freeway there were community leaders. A petition with over five thousand citizens' signatures, the Catholic Human Rights Council, WOWT, a number of other organizations expressed concern about the North Freeway but it fell on deaf ears. Then