

have to have some method of paying for the blooming things. Now if you have an improperly constructed highway, and I can point some of those out to you, I have done it over the years for the past six, seven years. They are indelibly etched upon my mind. I drive over one of them every morning and I can tell you very frankly it was poorly constructed and it ought to have been torn up when they started back in 1974 and redone. That highway will break up under any conditions. The concrete will break up under its own weight. It does not even need to have a vehicle driven over it. It broke up before they got off of it with the construction equipment. Now it makes a difference, you see, as to what you want to prove with the facts you use. I think that Senator Wesely can drive his Volkswagon up and down Highway 30 forever and it is not going to make any difference. Highway 30 was built back in the '30s, was built at the time we had Model T Fords and Model A trucks. Do you know what? It is in better condition today than Highway 15 which was built in 1974 because in 1930 they built them thick and they put re-bars in them. In 1974 they tried a new system, built them thin, built them light, no re-bars, no reenforcement.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, you built them cheap. They look good if you look at them from the air, not worth a darn if you have to drive over them. Senator Wesely, Senator Cullan, I just want to point out, if the only highways we have in the State of Nebraska are going to be those built by automobile traffic, then you are going to drive between Lincoln and Omaha, Scottsbluff and that is it. There will be many, many secondary roads that will never be built. Number two, as the railroads abandon right of way, someone is going to have to move the grain. Number three, because we have a lack of available commercial transportation, farmers have to purchase more of their own transportation. Senator Cullan, you know very well that in the past three years conditions have changed dramatically. Fuel costs have risen. The cost of equipment has risen. Labor costs have risen. It is extremely important that today...

SENATOR CLARK: Your time is up, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...we utilize the equipment we can use. I am in favor of the Kremer amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I call for the question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for, do I see five