

and prosperous and well intentioned and politically easy alternatives. We are in hard times. I suppose the easy thing perhaps is the other foot that drops in the event the Fenger amendment passes which is to stick it again to the state employees. But I am offering you what I think is a more palatable approach to a sensible budget than the use of the \$3.75 surcharge, which frankly I don't think your constituents nor my constituents support or believe to be essentially fair. I'm suggesting that I can agree with the deletion of that mechanism to the extent that we have an alternative. I find of the other alternatives the most satisfactory to be the language that I have given to you in this amendment, a replacement mechanism, that replacement being temporary and short term as many of our actions this session are proving to be. Now I understand that this takes a run at the sacred cow, the highway trust fund, however, I think the analogy to the deep pocket to the reserve of a company, to the ability to fund projects is reasonable and in this case I would suggest that we tap that deep pocket to get us over an aberation in the economic life of Nebraska and these very difficult times. I move the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of one of seven amendments that we have up here, which is Senator Landis' at the present time. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote. Record vote has been requested.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch requests a record vote. Read record vote. 19 ayes, 25 nays, 4 present and not voting, 1 excused and not voting. Vote appears on page 1538 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR CLARK: Motion failed. Do you have another amendment to this amendment? All right, we are back on the Fenger amendment. Senator Fenger. Senator Newell, did you want to talk on the Fenger amerdment?

SENATOR NEWELL: Call the question.

SENATOR CLARK: Well we only have one more on and we haven't had any discussion so we will have Senator Sieck on. Is Senator Sieck here? If not, then, Senator Fenger, do you wish to close?

SENATOR FENGER: Thank you, Mr. President. It is obvious that the state can't manufacture money. Senator Landis very aptly put it, these are hard times, but not justification for collecting funds from the citizens of the State of Nebraska in the manner proposed in 942. The issue is clear. In the interest of time I would merely move the adoption of my amendment.