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SENATOR GCODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, I just want to be sure we place something in the record on this particular amendment and our consideration of it and that is that the rejection of this project proposal is not to be interpreted as a rejection of the project itself. It is to be interpreted as the recognition on the part of the Legislature that there are better ways to fund projects by using the standard formulas and the standard funding sources from which we get highway construction funds. But the main point being that the rejection of this amendment is not to be interpreted by anyone searching the record later as a rejection of the project but a recognition on the part of the Legislature that there is a standard formula with which to fund projects and that that is where we think we should be...the way we think we should be doing it, not by adopting this kind of an amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Newell. Senator Chambers, did you wish to close on your...oh, here comes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose Senator Chambers' amendment and I want to make some very simple and very succinct comments on why I am opposing it. Very simply, we could not spend the money at this time or this year that Senator Chambers is allocating. Now we could spend maybe three, four million dollars more. The monies this year are being designated to replace the houses at Spencer Street and to finish the final plans for the North Freeway. There also could be, if there was additional monies, there could be some relocation of utilities. Those are the kinds of projects that need to be taken care of now so the full \$26 million that Senator Chambers is offering would be wasted money, or not wasted but it could not be fully utilized this year. It could sit in a bank account and draw interest and that would be very nice. But the worst part of it is that it would give the wrong signal to the federal government. The federal government made the commitment, the federal government made the commitment to this project and we need to try to make sure we get those monies from the federal government. Now I am not saying that I will never support Senator Chambers' motion. There may be a time when in fact the state does have to contribute sizeably to this project but this is not the time. I urge you to reject Senator Chambers' motion.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Chambers, would you like to close please?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the reason I voted for Senator Higgins' motion was that it