

small, are coming in and bidding these things at considerably less than they have ever been bid before in real dollar terms. Now this would cut less than 5 percent out of these projects, out of the total amount of funds that are available for the Department of Roads. And it seems to me that an awful lot of that money could be made up simply in these small bids that we are seeing come in in increasing numbers in recent months. Now let's not lose sight also of the funds that are going to be restored by this particular amendment. If you go down the list of funds that are being cut, the Game and Parks Commission, this will restore \$180,000. I know a lot of you are interested in that, Senator Labeledz and others. Senator Cullan and others, the state college appropriations are going to be restored by \$666,000. Senator Schmit, I know, is interested in the fact that water resource development funds will be increased by \$41,000 in one item. The Natural Resource budget will be increased by \$56,000 in another item. The State Patrol, the Nebraska State Patrol will have over half a million dollars in funds restored so it can carry on with its activities of regulating speed limits and so forth. The Nebraska Crime Commission will have \$15,000 restored. And the list goes on. I know all of us are interested in one item or another to say nothing of the University which will have, of course, substantial funds restored, over \$4 million in funds restored if this amendment passes. Now let's be rational about this, I mean, after all all we are doing is deferring for one year less than 5 percent of the highway projects around the state by taking \$10 million out of a budget of over \$200 million to restore these 3 percent across the board cuts in basic state operations. And now we know that Senator Carsten yesterday...last night he was shown on Channel 7 arguing quite articulately that we can't continue to cut state budgets and agency budgets and various state funds without having a significant loss in state services. Now when you add all of these losses in all these various agencies and put them together, is it really worth more than simply deferring \$10 million in road projects for a year, less than 5 percent out of a budget of over \$200 million? I think if you view this thing sensibly and rationally, this really makes a lot of sense and I would ask you to support it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The motion then before the House is the adoption of the Hoagland amendment to LB 8. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 6 ayes, 30 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. The next amendment, Mr. Clerk.