

resolution was originally introduced on February 7, Mr. President. It was referred to the Transportation Committee for public hearing. The committee conducted their public hearing. I have amendments pending by the Transportation Committee in their report back to the Legislature, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Could we please have it quiet so we can hear the speakers. First, Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, the committee amendment to this resolution is very minor and very technical. It only substitutes the words "Highway Trust Fund" wherever the term "Transportation Trust Funds" appear. A very minor amendment, but I would, in order to correct the wording in the...in the resolution it is important that this change be made, so I would move the committee amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, you did not wish to speak on it? Question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Transportation Committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Now, Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this resolution, in fact both resolutions were considered and passed by the Highway Commission last December, and had sent a correspondence asking if the Legislature would consider the adoption of these resolutions as well. And that is how it came to be introduced and co-sponsored by the other legislators. What this resolution does is addresses the Highway Trust Fund which currently under the, I believe as I recall the unified budget is at the federal level, is essentially utilized as a way to make the deficit at the federal level to be less than what it actually is. These Highway Trust Funds are dedicated for the purpose, by law, for the purpose of roads and mass transit. Currently there is about \$15 billion being held by the trust fund, \$6 billion of that would be for mass transit, \$9 billion of it is highways nationwide. Nebraska's proportionate share of the highway's, by the end of the next biennium, would be