

Schellpeper under the north balcony. Mr. and Mrs. Orvill Feyerherm of West Point, Nebraska, who, incidentally, are the parents of one of our Pages, James Feyerherm. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're pleased to have you with us. Members, take your seats for roll call. Members, please take your seats. Senator Haberman, please. Proceed with the roll call, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote read. See pages 2409-10 of the Legislative Journal.) 33 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. The next item. The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Haberman.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman. (Gavel.)

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, this does not add any money to the appropriations, does not subtract any money to the appropriations. It asks for help and it brings before this body why should help be given. As I understand it, according to the study that was made, 3,700 miles of the highway will be fixed. It does not earmark the money but rather roads will follow the guidelines established by the study. On those guidelines established by the study, if you will look up one of those sheets I passed out to you, we're talking about Highway 61 north of Ogallala. Out of that study, in age this highway ranks second. It's 35 years old. The condition of the road is tied for first. It's in the worst condition of any road in the state. Highway construction schedule, it tied 33rd for 1997. Year improvement is needed it tied for first. It needs to be improved in 1989. Priority within class of highway tied for second. Priority within district, it tied for second. So, according to the study in the criteria need, this stretch of Highway 61 is the worst stretch in the State of Nebraska. No work has been done on this segment of the highway in 34 years. Ninety percent of it is cracked and patched. I also handed out to you the testimony that was taken from the people at a commission hearing that you can read as I talk. My amendment merely says, "It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Roads give priority to those highway construction projects involving highways which have not been improved or the