

that will fall under this category and since we really don't know...we know how it pertains to Highway 61 and since we do not know how it pertains to the rest of the state and to the overall road plan of the State of Nebraska and due to the fact that...I don't think we just know what exactly this amendment does, we know it would help Senator Haberman out on Highway 61, and I sympathize with his problem, but it's one of those things that if you start making this type of change, you're...totally unknown, totally sight unseen, I think you're making a mistake and I would urge for the body to turn down Senator Haberman's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman, followed by Senator Warner.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President, I was unaware that there are 500 miles of highways that are blacktopped in the state that are in such poor condition. I didn't know that. However, if there is that many, I would be willing to say let's go ahead and fix them first. But beings as there is some opposition to fixing 500 miles of highways that haven't been fixed for 34 years, I will with...I will amend my amendment, Senator Moore, just to include Highway 61. I will be pleased to do that. But I was trying to say to the body, I am not pork barreling just for my district. I am trying to take care of all of those small communities. Now I doubt if you have a highway in your district, Senator Moore, that 97 percent of it is bad. I doubt that, 97 percent. I doubt that you have a highway where two combines can't...can pass each other or can't pass each other. I doubt if you have a highway where if you have the bus stop sign out and you come by in a big semi you're going to hit the sign. I doubt if you have that. I doubt that very much. This highway leads to the biggest livestock sale barn in the state, the biggest one in the state, and the road is terrible. It's the worst highway in the state. I doubt if you have that. I know Senator Warner doesn't have it. I know that the new interchange or exchange over the Interstate going into Mahoney State Park was moved up on somebody's priority list. So it can be done. And I'm just being open with the body and saying, hey, we've got some folks out here, they don't have a lot of votes. There aren't very many of them but their lives are just as important to me as the people in Senator Chizek's district and if one of them gets killed due to this highway, you won't even read about it in the paper. I will see that you get it because I'm going to mail it to you. So what I'm trying to say to this body, before we build a four-lane express highway, before we