

out of there if you are able to, which I thought was a marvelous move and I have since I think been convinced that there is probably very little point in fighting the lobby that would come on to an amendment such as the one that Senator Haberman has before us. But more than that, because I'm not afraid of the lobby and I think the issue that Senator Haberman raises is a good one and I agree somewhat with what Senator Pirsch has said, because there is probably one tax that I dislike more than any other and that is the tax I pay when I go buy an automobile and it is expensive to plate an automobile when the costs of automobiles go up and the sales tax rate goes up, but I also look at the roads that we have here in Nebraska and I get around every once in a while because I can't afford to fly, so I'll drive to Missouri or to Colorado to visit relatives and things like that, and I am impressed, very much so, by the level of roads that we have in this state. They are very well maintained, they ought to be, we've spent a lot of money on them, but I would hate to see that...an amendment, such as Senator Haberman's, set a precedent to say that we no longer need to have that in place for this state. I have become convinced when I vote especially in the Omaha area, and I'm being very parochial now, I look at all the work that is being done on the interstate system and, granted, much of that comes from federal dollars, but a lot of it still has to be paid for out of the state funds, and I see that that work, especially in my district, because the one place that I-80 in the entire United States comes down to one lane happens to be in the middle of District 7 and that project alone is going to be somewhere in the neighborhood of five to ten years to restructure that interchange because it has served its purpose after only 20 years. It is handling three times the amount of traffic that the engineers felt would be placed on it at the time that it was built. We have to do that. We have to continue to provide for those monies to flow to the Highway Trust Fund so that the roads in this state, because my district is very, very small in comparison to some of those districts across the state, Senator Schmit's, Senator Lamb's, Senator Scofield's who rely on those roads. They don't have as many people in a...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...small area as I do, but they rely on those roads to get from place to place. I think the Haberman amendment, although it allows for good discussion, it is one that I cannot support because I feel the monies that do go into