

amendment is germane to LB 1272. I know that we need to be careful, very careful with our germaneness rule, but I believe that this is way out in left field and I would hope that you wouldn't vote for it. According to our rules it will take the majority of those present I believe. Is that right, Madam President? The majority...

PRESIDENT MOUL: That's correct.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...of those present, so we need to watch the vote very carefully. Senator Bernard-Stevens got a little bit off of the germane rule. He was debating the merits of his amendment when he said those high powered lobbyists of the construction companies and those that are interested in keeping the money in the Highway Trust Fund, why I submit to you I would say that there has been a lot of lobbying going on on this amendment and at some times they are very high powered. So I wouldn't let my vote be swayed by that argument. So at this time I would urge you to sustain the Chair. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Does anyone else wish to speak on this motion? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Bernard-Stevens?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just one point, Madam Chairman, it's a point I was going to end with on my one time I could speak on the override of the Chair. Members of the body, in 1987 to '91 Nebraska had a half a billion dollars given to us for the most part in the federal highway funds that we in Nebraska got, a half a billion dollars and it's all needed, no question about it. In the years 1992 to 1997 in the new six-year program passed by our representatives in Washington, the State of Nebraska will be a little bit short of \$1 billion, \$1 billion for Nebraska in the Federal Highway Trust Fund. I wish I had my calculator here and I would like to do a quick percentage of what \$14.6 million, which is what we're talking about here to helping education, would be percentagewise to almost a billion dollars. I'm not sure, but I think it's .0000 something, and yet we have people here saying no, no, no, no, no, don't think anything from us to help the education side, please don't do that. Members of the body, on the Appropriations Committee and I'm sure members of the body also that are not even on the Appropriations Committee understand that we do not have the money to do everything we want to do. We have to use every ounce of pennies that we have to do as many things as we can to