

in that policy, it will be done. Senator Moore knows very well, and, again, my good friend, Doug Kristensen, knows very well that this may not go this year, it may go this year. Nothing may happen for 15 years, but there is always a chance at some point 25 people in the Nebraska Legislature will say we have other priorities as well. We have a way to share some of our resources that people are paying from the State of Nebraska in sales tax. We have a way to do some of these things, and we think, feel a high enough priority, we are going to do that. That will always be there. This is one of those times where we are going to ask ourselves, is this issue important enough to us to make this policy change. If there are 25 votes to do that, then we will make that policy change. That is not to say that at any other time somebody else may come up, as Senator Lamb is doing now, and say, well, let's do it for the railroads. That is always and always has been and always will be a possibility. The difference that they forget to make is that Senator Lamb's proposal has been rejected by the body, not only last year, but also this year. There have not been 25 votes to do that. I don't suspect there will be 25 votes to do it now, and Senator Lamb would say, see, it can be done. Yes, it can be done, if there are 25 votes to do it, if the majority of the people in Nebraska representatives agree it should be done. So those arguments I think are kind of thrown out for confusion rather than bringing to the discussion any facts in the case. Senator Kristensen makes, I think, some interesting points. He says, you know, if we lose 14, 18 million dollars, it sets us back maybe a year, maybe 18 months. I am fascinated because I would assume with the same logic that when we get from 500 some billion dollars over the last five, six years to almost a billion dollars the next, that we will be ahead 18 months. If we get more money, we should be able to speed up what we are doing, and we don't speed up, necessarily, what we are doing because we just simply do more things. And then we throw out little, not direct, but indirect little things like lets take some projects in Omaha. I am surprised we haven't talked about the Kennedy Freeway yet. I am surprised we haven't talked about Senator Hillman's project that she desperately wants to have up to Rapid City, and woe be it, certain things may happen if these things go...cuts are taken out of the Highway Trust Fund. No one directly comes out and says that this project will not go. In fact, I would be very, to me I am very comfortable in saying those projects are going to go because there is Congressional support, there is legislative support, and eventually the money is there to do that. Now, if the highway, if the Department of