

I know he feels that way sometimes, my husband probably pays more in fuel than most of us, although I drive back and forth to Omaha every day, but his job is to drive around the cities and between cities in the State of Nebraska so he does have a high cost of fuel. He also is using those roads for where he does his job on the road. So even though we do pay high fuel taxes and higher than probably any of the surrounding states and in most states and I understand that you could pay less and have less in this instance but we do have good roads here in the State of Nebraska. And if you've done any interstate driving, there are some areas of the United States that you just...you can't even stand to go on those roads in a semi-truck because it just rattles you right down to your bones. And so I've learned to really appreciate the road system here in Nebraska and the excellent job they do on maintenance of the roads here in Nebraska and, as I drive around the state, last summer I was amazed at how well kept the roads are and in what good condition they are. And in order to maintain that it takes money and I guess people who use the roads and use it a lot, I guess that's as good a place as any to have additional monies coming from those areas from the gasoline tax. So I don't want to raise the gasoline tax but I understand that it's necessary to do so to maintain the road system, so it does take away but it also gives back and it gives specifically to the maintenance of roads too. It's not like you're just paying a tax and you don't know where the money is going and you don't know what they're spending it on, and it's not benefiting anyone, in a lot of instances, lost in some bureaucracy someplace, you know, all these other things that we talk about. It's going to the road systems. It's evident to everybody who uses the roads here in the State of Nebraska. It's evident to anyone who travels across the State of Nebraska and uses the roads. And I know there are some areas in Omaha that are a little rough still around the edges, regardless of what Senator Kristensen says, I certainly hope they are not done with the roads in Omaha, Nebraska because there's still considerable more that needs to be done in that area. But it is something that I am willing to support and take that out of our family business to support because we do have...directly benefit from that, so I do not support the Hall amendment and I do hope others will consider not supporting it. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Jones, on the Hall amendment.