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perhaps others, these projects are let and paid for over perhaps three years. And if you remove a given amount of money, you do...it does have a multiple effect, in terms of what you can let for projects. In 1988, we had a need study that resulted in some legislation. And we followed that legislation to the extent that it dealt with completing the rehabilitation of the interstate, accelerating completion of certain highways, developing an expressway system, and resurfacing and paving existing roads. Now, we've tried to follow that. But we've been unable to keep up with the time lines, because we've not had the political courage, I guess, to raise the fuel tax that would have to be raised, other than the variable tax, the constant tax. So therefore, we have fallen behind, as we would expect, because we just haven't taken care of our obligations. But we've had a lot more stable fund because of the implementation of the variable tax, than most other states. We have been very prudent about maintaining the integrity of the fund. And I think that is to the credit of the state. That is the kind of state we are. That's why we don't, as a state, go into great debt and have great bond issuing capabilities. That would be inconsistent, I think, with the kind of state we are. I think to disrupt this system would really set this state back in terms of where we're going with our infrastructure. I think it's terribly important that we do this other lane between Lincoln and Omaha.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: The traffic problem there is terrific. The safety is a consideration. We have many other projects going that I think are going to result in improving the economy in certain parts of the state, not just because of the jobs of the construction, but the fact that good roads lead to good business, and they lead to people wanting to live and work where they can have good transportation to and from the places that they want to go. So it's hard to measure the impact of going in and disrupting this system. But I think it would not be wise. I think we are within range of being able to put this budget together. And I don't have time, but I'd be interested in...if I missed it, I apologize. But I'd be interested in knowing what Senator Thompson proposes to do if we did inject this