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There's many reasons besides this. It would go by Wayne State university, or Wayne State College. But the important thing is that basically this creates an interstate corridor similar to the most successful economic development in Nebraska. If there is a better economic package, I would like to hear any discussion regarding it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Further discussion, Senator Flood.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Thanks to the good senator from Kearney's comments, there's a smile from Norfolk to South Sioux City this afternoon, because he touched on rural economic development at its finest. We've been talking about this issue for years in northeast Nebraska, and Senator Johnson may look as though he may be a disinterested party, but actually it's quite different than that. This not only builds northeast Nebraska from South Sioux City to Norfolk, but from Norfolk to Columbus, Columbus to York, and then everybody west of York on I-80 will benefit from a project like this. Rural economic development done right costs money. I appreciate Senator Cunningham's efforts, I support his bill. He's working for everything we can, but Senator Chambers has said over and over if you want to do it, let's find something that you think would make the biggest, you know, the biggest impact, and this would do that. In August of 2000, the Wilmer Smith Associates drafted a report to the Nebraska Department of Roads stating that the total economic development impact of a four-lane from South Sioux City to Norfolk exceeds \$217 million annually. For every \$1 invested in the Highway 35 expressway concept, northeast Nebraska, just northeast Nebraska, would see \$1.86 return in economic benefits. The Norfolk Chamber of Commerce has been active making this an issue, but Senator Johnson raised an excellent point. As you see the map in front of you there, you connect a corner of the state that does not enjoy the benefits of a four-lane highway except from Norfolk to Columbus, and you connect an entire corridor. And I believe if Senator Johnson is available, I would wonder if he would yield to a quick question. Senator Johnson, you and I were talking and I can't remember, but if I recall correctly, if this corridor was to be built from South Sioux City through Norfolk