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Iowa, is being four-laned, and that comes right into South Sioux City, Sioux City area right there. And so it converges there, I-29. So if we get that Highway 35 corridor from South Sioux City to Norfolk, then you'd have a conduit, an expressway from Canada clear to the Mexican border. And there's so many truckers and so much transportation that has to go out of their way to get to where they want to go, and this would be so good...great for our area. Economic development, you'd be surprised what will happen along that corridor if we get this through. There's already been government funds made available through Senator (sic) Bereuter and our new senator. And as far as for studies, there are already two routes that they've spent a lot time studying as far as for that route between South Sioux City and Norfolk, so it's just a matter of time that it will occur. But the sooner it occurs, the better off we'll be. We have to bring more businesses into Nebraska, and as we talk about all of the programs we have going and what we want to have going, is we have to create an atmosphere and where people want to come into Nebraska. We have to create...transportation is a big part of that, a very big part of that. So if that's built, I know you'll see, just like on Highway...on Interstate 80, you'll see all kinds of businesses cropping up. So I think it's very, very important that we pursue this, also. But again, I do support the bill itself. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This discussion, I think, has gotten very interesting and how we can pay for highways with half a million dollars, I think, or something to that effect. But I was especially intrigued by Senator Johnson's mention of bringing people to Nebraska. And I was wondering if Senator Johnson would yield to a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Johnson, would you respond?

SENATOR JOHNSON: I'll try.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, Senator Johnson, I apologize. I really