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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator. Thank you, Senator Friend.
On with discussion. Senator Stuhr, followed by Senator Burling.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I do thank Senator Johnson for all of his work on this issue, and I know that he has spent countless hours in meetings and I do want to express my thanks to him. As has been stated, roads are extremely important to this state for economic development and also for tourism. And I can say that I am very frustrated. I want to give you the example of the York expressway, which was mentioned earlier. The expressway from Columbus to York was to be completed in 2003-2004. It is now set to be started in 2012. I think that is unacceptable. Also, the Appropriations Committee knows that I have another issue that I'm very upset about and have been for a number of years, and that is that we still in Nebraska have 40 miles of state graveled roads. And it is always the same, same story, is that well, we do not have enough funding. The traffic count is low. I have an interchange, and I have to share this with you, because it is personal. The five miles that connects Bradshaw to the interstate is still graveled. It is a state graveled road. It has been almost 50 years that the interstate has been completed, and I keep telling them I'm not going to see it during my lifetime if we don't see some changes. Again, it goes back to the traffic count. Well, let me tell you. People won't take roads when they're bad. And there is the possibility for more economic development. We have a trailer manufacturing company that is located very close. They would love to have that road paved. So I'm very frustrated about this. I know we need more funding--we simply do. If anyone travels between Lincoln and York, we have a little game we play and count how many semis we see. It's hundreds and hundreds. Nebraska and Delaware are the only two states that have one interstate in their state. So I don't know--I just commend Senator Johnson for at least bringing this to our attention. We need more funding. I believe that roads are just simply the background and the backbone for more economic development in the state. It is something that is going to retain young people. We just had a new trucking company move to York because I think they are looking towards the future, but again, now when we just received the word that our four-lane highway has been delayed till 2012,