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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask "Squire" Wehrbein a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, which state of the continental United States has a higher gas tax than Nebraska, if you know of any?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I have to confess, off the top of my head I don't know. I read that awhile back, and I can't...there is somebody that has one higher, I think, but I can't remember who it was.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But it was only one that you...well, I won't ask you that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, we're in the very top five, let's say.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, you do realize that there would be opposition, at least from one quarter, to an increase in the gas tax, don't you?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I recognize that very well, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What other way could revenue be raised for road building? Can the state issue general obligation bonds?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: They can issue bonds for roads up to \$50,000, I think.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Two thousand dollars?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Fifty thousand.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, fifty thousand dollars. And do they have to...