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Mr. President, there will also be inserted in the Journal a communication from Mr. Doyle, the Director of State Engineering, addressed to Vincent Brown, Clerk of the Legislature, forwarding a copy of the official Federal State . . . no, correction, the official State Highway System Map. This is filed with the Legislature pursuant to Section 39-1311. The map will be on file in my office. Additional copies are available if anyone desires to have one.

That's all Mr. President.

SPEAKER: We will now revert back to LR 28. Senator Koch you are recognizes. Senator Koch waives. Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, in continuation of the resolution, there are some points of information I'd like to have the body know. One is that we have spent \$1,012,972 in the last five years for emergency situations, which I know Senator Keyes and I both were very interested in seeing that some of the problems in some of your areas were solved. I noted that we spent money to put out a range fire in the Mullen-Thedford area. I noted that we spent money to help with a power failure in Columbus. I noticed that we spent money on natural disasters in Terrytown, Salem, Keith and Lincoln counties. I noticed that we spent money on snow removal in Northeast Nebraska. I noticed that we spent \$222,000 for natural disasters relating to Platte River flood damage in 1972. I'll tell you, and I can't speak for Senator Keyes but I'm sure he would agree with me, that he and I were most interested in your problems when we appropriated the money. You can be assured that we'll continue to be interested in your problems, in your areas, for that million and something dollars that we have appropriated. I would assume that it'd be reciprocal on your part to be interested in our problems and the problems of the citizens in our county. I am disappointed. I am disappointed that we even had to come to this body with this resolution asking that help and assistance be given to people whose property and possibly lives are in jeopardy. That action should have already been taken. That action should have already been resolved. I know the members of this Legislature, in their wisdom, will address that problem and want to do for Sarpe county what we've done for the rest of the counties throughout this state. I would hope that the resolution would be sent forthwith to the Governor to notify him that a problem exists, in case he's not cognizant of the fact already. Also to notify him that the members of this body have alerted that it is an emergency and that we strongly recommend to him that there be a resolution of the problem. I would ask that you support this resolution, and ask and request of the Governor of this state to use the powers that he has, and the money that we have given him to carry out the duties and responsibility of that power to provide for the safety of lives and safety of property in this state, whether it's in Sarpe county, or in Lincoln county, or yes, Senator Dworak, even in Columbus. So I would ask that you adopt the resolution.