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to the principal. This money is divided between those three people, the Department of Roads gets 53 1/3% of the money. The cities get 23 1/3 and the counties 23 1/3. Now if we don't try and replace this money on this \$1,800,000, it would cost the Department of Roads \$960,000 next year. Well, if we'd take this out of the Highway Trust Fund, that is what they would lose.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: OK. Senator Stull. I got the drift of it. Now I want to make some comments.

SENATOR STULL: OK.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I rise to oppose the amendment. We are just about trying to make it prohibitive to drive a car. Let's see, last week we added to a guy to get his car inspected a \$1.75. Today, it's...yes, I hope not yet. It will be at least one no vote on that. Today, it is \$2 on the license plates. I think the \$15 that people are gouged with already to pay for the plates, and I must admit they are pretty and they probably have some sentimental value, but I think \$15 is a pretty good going rate for that. We are now, in this state, one of the very highest on gas tax. It costs more in Nebraska to drive a car than it costs almost anywhere. We have 8 1/2¢ on a gallon of gas for roads. The guy that owns the car, then, has to pay the property tax on it. We have the highest property tax per capita of almost any other state. We have the magnificent inspection system now that costs him \$3.40 to see if his lights work and his horn honks and now we want to honk him again for \$17 to buy two metal plates with. I believe that all of us know that there is always the hue and cry for roads but Nebraska has been in the forefront of taxing its citizens for gasoline for them. In addition to all of those governmental impositions we place on a person for driving cars, it has been twice as expensive the last two years to do so because of the increased price in gasoline. Some of this has got to stop, and if we just keep gouging and gouging and gouging and gouging, the taxpayer, the guy that is driving the car, in the name of good roads, I just read where we got \$20,000,000 released. How long can we build them? Do we want to asphalt this whole state? We got 8 1/2¢ a gallon to do it with. Let's not gouge them for \$2 more.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, let's go ahead and approve the Stull amendments and then I have a motion up there to kill the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the choice is ours. If we want to put this on the sales and income tax and take it from the state General Fund, we have those people who have no automobiles at all to pay the bill. This is an opportunity for those of us who have automobiles, who use the roads and need the roads. I think Senator Frank Lewis is very badly misinformed if he thinks we want to asphalt all the roads in the state. Let's get 450 miles off of the gravel. Let's do the various things we