

that Senator Labeledz does not feel that fees are appropriate, I understand her position, and I would think that the research is clear though that some fees are warranted to cover at least part of the cost. I think that there is an amendment that Senator Doyle, I, and Newell would propose if this is defeated that would shorten the length that studded tires could be used, shorten the length of those studs that could be used, and try to help the bill a little bit more to keep down the cost but nothing will change the fact that if LB 50 even in its present form is passed will cost the state over a million dollars a year in road damage, just to the interstate in Omaha, let alone the interstate in the rest of the state, let alone the highways in the rest of the state. And my conscience is bothering me as it is right now with the form of this bill to go ahead and vote for it, but because people have contacted me, want the bill, seem to indicate they want the bill, and seem to be willing to have the state taxpayer support that extra road cost, then I am willing to go along with the compromise but I certainly am not willing to go along with the bill without its present form and present fee in there. So if you vote for Senator Labeledz' amendment and take off the Von Minden amendment, you are going to lose votes and I think rightfully so. The bill should not be passed.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Order in the Chamber please, a little quiet. The Chair recognizes Senator Merle Von Minden. Senator Von Minden.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise to oppose Senator Labeledz' amendment gutting my amendment and I certainly am not going to take a whole lot of your time. It was argued back and forth for perhaps an hour the other day. All the arguments are there. The studs do damage the highways to a tremendous millions of dollars and this is just to pay a little bit of the cost. A lot of emphasis has been put on about the poor not being able to afford the tires or the \$25 fee. I wonder what it costs the poor to change those tires in the fall to put them on the car and then go back to the station and take them back off the car and put the other tires back on? \$25 probably would not cover it. Up in my territory it does start snowing the first of October and the roads are dangerous until into April, and Labeledz said my bill lengthening it would hurt it, I think that if it is really truly that they have to have these studded tires I think perhaps then that they should have them through the time that they are going to