

need them, not just three months, to say, well, I have a bill passed that is going to help you people and really not help the people at all. Again when I came down here two years ago, I think arguments on the floor are senseless. Really no one's mind is ever changed on the floor. Perhaps the only Senator here, and that is Senator DeCamp, is probably the only fellow that can change anybody's minds. Your minds are all made up how you are going to vote right now anyway so I won't take any more of your time but, seriously, Senators, if you think in this kind of an economy that we can damage millions of millions of dollars of highway to accommodate a few that perhaps should not be out there anyway, then vote for her bill. But if you want to save money then vote against her amendment and keep my amendment in there. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the legislative body, I am looking at the very fine editorial which was put on our desks this morning from Saturday's Lincoln Journal. We have an expert in our body relating to highways, relating to damage done to our highways. As the editorial says, "It is his professional judgment that there is no safety net gain to studded tires but that it is also his judgment that most people think there is". We have a responsibility within this body to be the informed persons whenever possible and to try to educate other Nebraskans whenever possible. I oppose the amendment which is before us for \$25 does not begin to pay the cost. As a matter of fact I have a pending motion up there which would change that to \$50. That again won't cover the cost but it is a more fair figure if you insist on having studded tires. Perhaps our responsibility should not be to pass a bill with studded tires but to help people who think they need them learn to drive more carefully or to stay off the roads if it is glaze ice or to use tire chains when the weather is that severe. We do not have snow on our roads all winter long like they do in northern Alaska. We have many days when our pavement is clear during the winter season. The damage which is done during those dry periods during our winter mount into multi millions of dollars. All of us, you and I and all the rest of the Nebraskans, help pay the cost. If we allow the return to studded tires, we are asking for more damage than has been done up to this point. I do not favor the motion which is pending before us.