

you don't count for anything. This bill, LB 96E, is a boon to the power, the utility, meaning MUD, and the telephone company. Senator Pirsch I think works for the phone company and she has her name on this bill so I don't blame her. You want to help your employer. You want to benefit them financially but remember this. The highway users are not the ones who pushed for this road in Omaha. The Omaha officials did it. Now they are trying to farm out the responsibility for paying the cost of these utilities to everybody in the state but I want to look at the bill itself. You will notice that one amendment has been added to the bill which should have been a part of the original drafting of it but the geniuses in the Attorney General's office who helped with it, the geniuses who are the attorneys for the utility companies worked with it, missed a very obvious thing and that is line 16 on page 2 where they did add the "federal aid highway." I should not have brought that to their attention. I should have waited until the Legislature passed it and then pointed it out to the Governor and tried to get him to veto it. That would have been the wise strategy but, nevertheless, I mentioned that. I told Senator Goodrich that this bill was up for Final Reading a couple of days or three before I had to leave the state and yet it was taken off. Every other bill set for Final Reading that day was taken off. This one. . . I mean it was read. This one was taken off and it was brought up when I was absent. I talked to Senator Goodrich and I said, you delayed it already and it would be wrong to take it up while I am gone but that was done and I tell you, that is the way I am dealt with in this Legislature so I expect it but, nevertheless, I am not prevented from mentioning in the record how unfairly things are done in this Legislature even though I will try to push for fairness. Senator Warner had a bill that I hated and yet I made a motion that it be reconsidered because enough people to give him a fair vote were not here. Senator VonMinden was struggling with his smoking amendment and he didn't know how to get the debate extended so I stood up and made the proper presentation to get him an extension of the debate. Then after I, who have been going out of my way to be of assistance and facilitating the process in being fair, will be dealt with in this backstabbing, underhanded fashion, but I tell you, I am accustomed to it but being accustomed to it does not make me like it any more. I am going to mention something about this bill that perhaps the rest of you ought to consider. You have obligated the state to pay up to \$5 million for the relocation of these utilities. You have been told about the federal money that