

about. The net effect of the gasohol phaseout for 1984-85 would have been a \$1.2 million revenue generator. My .8 of a cent per gallon increase for the city-county road fund would have been a \$7.8 million generator. I guess looking at a situation where we are now faced with a choice with the Sieck amendment over which half of my old bill I would prefer, I would really prefer the latter. It deals with a real problem that we have in the cities and the counties. We talked about economic development here and as if the only type of economic development we're concerned about in this state is whether we build alcohol plants or whether we don't build them. Economic development goes far, far beyond that. When planners look at the state of Nebraska in deciding whether or not they wish to locate in this state, whether or not they wish to expand their activities within this state, one of the key factors they look at is transportation network. I represent a part of the state, Sarpy County, that has a terrible transportation network. One of the problems we have is the fact that we on a local level don't have the funds to build the roads that we need. Without the roads we are not going to attract industry. Without attracting industry we're not going to have the tax base. Without the tax base we're not going to be able to build the roads. It is a vicious circle. What I see in the Sieck amendment is a method to help us break this circle, to get some more money back to the cities and the counties that have been suffering because they don't have the funds to build their roads, help them by providing more money for their city-county road funds and give us something that we can help attract industry with. I feel that what Senator Sieck is offering here today, I should say, I reluctantly support. I would really prefer both parts of my original bill. What Senator Warner is offering is one half of my original bill. What Senator Sieck is in effect saying is let's drop that half and pick up the other half. I think Senator Sieck's proposal probably would have more effect upon city-county road funds and, therefore, I ask you to support his amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.