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power system which is...you know what position we are today as far as power is concerned throughout the state of Nebraska. We've almost exhausted all the means and facilities that we have, even the modern new plant we have at Fort Calhoun and the one down south. It seems like these people are moving in any direction where they can to get a foothold in some public utility or some pot or some fund to get this thing started, and I, for one, am not going to sit here and leave them..see them divert any money that is going for a highway system in the state of Nebraska or any other state in the midwest for the intent that this Resolution may be going for.

CLERK: Motion on the desk, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Just a minute. The chair said that he would recognize Senator Stahmer next and I am going to let Senator Stahmer talk and then we are going to take the motion on the desk. Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and members of the body, I'll be very brief. One other thing we haven't even mentioned is the pollution in the cities. Our people are being poisoned there by the lead fumes and I'd only comment that if I represented the trucking industry, which I don't, my chief concern would be the conservation of fuels because when those fuels run out, we are going to convert more and more to the use of trains because it has the most economical BTU conversion rate, a steel wheel on a steel rail, and when our gasoline supplies are gone, the trucking industry will be the one that is hurt most of all. As far as joint use of vehicles, I've got a suggestion for Senator Skarda. It's called mass transit and that's what we are trying to talk about today. I think this was a great mistake to interject this into this Resolution and trying to get the highway funds for Nebraska.

SPEAKER: Read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: Motion read.

SPEAKER: Does the chair see five hands? Thank you. The question is shall the debate now close. All those in favor will vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Motion is to close debate. Have you all voted. We will wait for you, Senator Carpenter. The question is shall the debate now close. The clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, remainder not voting.

SPEAKER: Very good. The debate will now close. Senator Hasebroock, do you want to make your closing arguments. Senator Hasebroock is now closing on Legislative Resolution 13. There will be no questions asked after his closing.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think it's quite simple what we are trying to do is to in this Resolution is to impress the Federal government and the Department of Transportation that we have some impounded funds and that we, together with some of the other states, would like to have these impounded Federal funds released so that we can go on with our job of road building, and these impounded funds are the funds that belong to the state of Nebraska and it would amount to some thirty million dollars, and I am sure that this is what it is all about. There has been many other subjects interjected into this debate which I feel are not relevant, and yet I can see that there is a concern by some of the people in other areas that there might be concern, but I don't feel that there is any concern. So, I hope that we will move this Resolution. That we will adopt it, and I will conclude my statement with that.