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SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I support Senator Savage in his resolution, and I agree with him 100% that these signs are not a hazard, they are beneficial. And I agree with him also when he commented about the trees. If you will remember several years ago, there was some considerable conversation about the fact that the state of Nebraska was spending a lot of money planting trees along interstate increasing the beauty of the landscape, provided it with a diversion for the motorists. And at that time Senator Kraft who was a member of this Legislature at that time argued long and pleadingly that they were a traffic hazard. But no one seemed to think it was necessary at that time to prevent the planting of those trees, as Senator Savage has pointed out this morning, then when those trees grow up they are going to be a darn sight more solid than any sign posts that you've got along there. And I think it's about time we paid attention to some of the factors that will make travel on these highways a little more safe insofar as information is concerned. I'm surprised that we haven't been told this morning that we are going to lose Federal Funds if we don't take these things down. I think it's about time that we stopped lining up to have the ring put on our nose everytime someone mentions Federal Funds or the Federal Government. I believe that it is time that we act on our own, and if we're going to lose a little bit of Federal Funding here or there it is not going to make any difference in the long run anyway.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Hasebroock and Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I rise in support of the Savage Resolution. I think the signs are timely, informative and helpful. I think the hazards are at a minimum. I've been connected I had the original bill to remove the signs and I know there has been a lot of discussion about it. I think these were permissive at the time and I think they should stay where they are. I am in support of the Resolution.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Frank Lewis. We're still debating the adoption of the Resolution 111.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. President I also rise to support Senator Savage. A program that was conceived with the Feds and the State in cooperative venture to sign Nebraska for historical points of interest for those who may not know about them. It certainly was worthwhile. We made an approach some two months ago to provide for signing for of the same nature for the Aerospace Museum which is another one of our attractions that probably needs to be emphasized. I think the signs are in good taste; they are well done; there's not a proliferation of them, and I think it's somewhat less than brilliant on the parts of the Feds to suddenly and capriciously decides that these ought to be removed.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator Whitney your light is still on. Do you want to.

CLERK: Mr. President we have an amendment from Senator Whitney.

PRESIDENT: O.K., thank you.

CLERK: I move to amend LR 111 by striking the last three lines on page 475. Correction 473. And inserting in it's place, "be it resolved that he authorized them to be moved to outside edge of the right-of-way"