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PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Whitney to amend.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I feel that this is quite important that after I made the statement on the floor a few moments ago a Senator asked me to put this amendment on. And all it would do is just simply would say that we move those signs, still inside the right-of-ways, but it would be to the outside edge of the right-of-way. Now people could see those signs then. And it would eliminate 95% of the road hazards. And this is the thing I feel should be done. Now we have maps which tell us where the historical sites are. Tourists carry those maps; they can discover that by reading these maps. And so I feel that this would eliminate the hazard, we would just move them a few feet farther away from the pavement, and I can't see why this wouldn't be a very good amendment. And it might be a compromise which the Federal Government would accept. If you know former Governor Tiemann as well as I do, this resolution may not be whole-heartedly accepted. When he makes up his mind, he's got his mind made up. But this might be a compromise that he would be willing to accept.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion now of the amendment? Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: I again would like to explain to Senator Whitney, if I might that there is an Advisory Board that must be gotten to, and this is just not the head of the division because I talked to him about this, and he's very sympathetic for Nebraska. But I don't think Senator Lewis gave a full explanation of this. These signs were put up on an experimental basis put by the State of Nebraska. And now this department is getting requests from every state in the union practically to put up signs on the interstate of advertising. Both Chamber of Commerce and commercial and down the line. And I think what we need to do is to send a (inaudible) because I'm in favor, wholly in favor of Senator Savage's resolution because I believe in that what it does. But in the Johnson Administration, Lady Bird put out a beautification program. And I think Senator Hasebroock can tell you how severe that was because we went through that bill taking those other signs out, and a lot of that beautification program still stands. And we have to send a very strongly worded resolution, so that Congress or someone on this Board of Advisors will change the ruling in regard to it because these signs are on an experimental basis and now's when they are calling the shot on it because the other states are now requesting to do what we have done.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the amendment? Senator Savage, do you care to make some input.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I oppose this amendment because in moving these signs is another unwarranted expense to the State of Nebraska to move them out. I suggest to Senator Whitney maybe get an attraction out there at Chappel and maybe he would like one of these signs too.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the Whitney amendment? To the Resolution. Well, Senator Whitney do you care to close on your amendment then? Senator Whitney is closing then on his amendment.