

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, is there a motion up there to adopt the Carpenter motion, is that what it is?

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter made the motion to adopt his own motion.

SENATOR WHITNEY: I am opposed to it. Now why do we want to take twenty-million dollars and set it aside and invest it and draw 8% on it, when the cost of the building of roads is going to rise from 15 to 20% this next year. I don't see any reason for it. Now we have the power in this legislature to give the governor the power if there is federal funds available in the future, greater than at the present time. He has...we can give him the power to float a loan and match those federal funds. So I see no reason for this at all. Now as far as floating loans are concerned, we are already in debt forty-seven million dollars in this state to the people who are on retirement, and to float an extra ten million dollar loan would just be peanuts.

SPEAKER: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I too oppose this amendment. I think that it is very likely that the state department of roads are going to have to build some roads this year that will come out of state funds. If they don't have this freedom to use this money some of these road projects will be delayed for another year. I would like to add a little more to what Senator Clark said about 385 out of Sidney being in such bad shape. We have a stretch north of Alliance on 385 that is so bad that we had quite a serious car accident out there and the patrolman listed in his report that it was due to the big chuck holes in the road. So I am very much opposed to delay of the road building. I think that the department of roads should have this money available. I think that the worst thing for them to happen is for them to say is that we have the money, but we can't use it because the legislature said that we couldn't use it this year. Thank you.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, fellow members, I think that probably Senator Carpenter is thinking much further ahead than most of us. He has often said that if you want something if you don't have a crisis you create one. With those young clowns down in Washington that we have there now, we need to create a crisis to get some of these federal funds that are coming to us that we have paid them, we send the money to Washington and we want it back. This road that Senator Clark and Senator Stull have going out of Sidney, instead of writing to us and the Governor write to your Senator and Congressman in Washington. You put a little heat on them. I think that we are creating a crisis here that we should create. We should get these funds out here and get these roads built.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter do you wish to close?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, lets look at what has been said. Most of the opposition comes from the budget committee. The budget committee didn't even know, didn't even know, that the state of Nebraska's highway department was building roads which could be subject to federal contribution and paying for them 100% out of state funds. They didn't even know what was going on. They say why don't you trust us, they are not to be