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this on June the 28th. And then going down to the ...Mr. Secretary I was astonished to note that in that letter of approval Nebraska's Legislature was ordered. Being ordered to pass four legislative items in the area of highway safety. He complained because we are being ordered. Let's go down into the next paragraph. It says let me reiterate it is my intention to continue to work with Nebraska's Legislature. Continue to work with Nebraska's Legislature, making a joint effort, but as Governor, I'm in no position to dictate. I'm in no position to dictate. And I will not. A little further it says, rather this issue is the infringement and the hand cuffing tactics that are being proposed contrary to the intent of Congress. You can apply the same thing to the intent of the Legislature. A little further down it says, Mr. Wilson's does not, in fact, reflect federal state cooperation, but rather a policy of federal dictate. Now what I'm trying to make out in a short period of time, the Governor of this state has completely reversed himself, and is now standing on his head doing what six months ago, he promised that he would never do. Dictate to this body. Now, I rise to oppose this motion for another reason. Senator Kremer, who is the Chairman of the Public Works indicated in his judgement that the federal government might withhold. There is a lot of difference from withholding and losing. Now, we under that the highway Department upon the Governor's recommendation records we've got a surplus of twenty million dollars. Twenty million dollars. Let the federal government withhold if they want to. Let's us stand our ground. Not only for the federal government, but the Governor of this state. Let's be men, and not mice.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I'd concur with Senator Carpenter, that we should conduct ourselves as men and not mice. And I think that that's what we have an obligation to vote on these two bills. If in fact, the federal governments threat is actual and we fail to pass this legislation, and they deprive us of five or seven millions dollars, or whatever the price tag is. I think we've got an obligation to be on record, each and every one of us as to how we voted on these bills. And I'm not going to support both of those bills, but I'm willing to vote for them and take the consequences, and the federal government fulfills it's threat and deprives the state of several million dollars, but three or four of us to get up here and say that we're going to defy the federal government and not call the vote and not call the bills to a vote is not acting like men it's acting like mice, and let's vote on the bill, that if we're going to vote them

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down, which it appears the sentiment of this body is to do. Let's at least do that and be on record, and if the federal government then does not come through with this threat to withhold the funds, we can say that we called the bluff and we will be recognized for that because we will be on record.