

Johnson, you are the one that made the motion.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, I, at this time, would move that the Chair be overruled on a decision to discontinue debate, and that we do be allowed to continue debate on Senator Dworak's amendment.

PRESIDENT: All right, I would recognize that motion. The motion is whether the Chair shall be overruled on the question of whether or not debate ceases. Senator Dworak, did you wish to speak on that?

SENATOR DWORAK: Is this debatable?

PRESIDENT: Well, I would prefer that it not be, but I will give you a chance to...I think you probably should have a right to say something.

SENATOR DWORAK: Well, Mr. President, I usually follow the dictates of the Chair because I realize the pressure you are under and the extreme good job you usually do, but in this case I am going to have to beg to differ, Mr. President, because I don't think the amendment before us this morning is similar to the amendment last week at all. We are putting the money in the highway trust fund which is a vehicle whereby the motel-hotel industry directly gains and benefits from. I also think the needs of the highway trust fund are acute at this time in the state of Nebraska. I think also that the very future of our motel and hotel industry is going to depend a lot upon the solvency and the vitality of this highway trust fund. As a consequence, I think this concept is entirely different than the concept that was proposed last week. I very hesitantly hesitate to urge my colleagues to overrule the Chair, but in this instance, Mr. President, I will have to make that decision and urge them to overrule the Chair so this concept can be thoroughly aired.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would just like to also state that there may be a question arise if your amendment carries as to whether or not this doesn't substantially change this bill so it ought to go back to committee, if that amendment carried, because that substantially...you will have to agree, it substantially changes the nature of this legislation. No, I'm not the Speaker. That would be the Speaker's decision, not mine.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I think that comment might almost be considered part of the debate, and I would hate to think that the President is getting himself involved in this debate.