

five, four, three, but I didn't see you doing anything about it. We needed to build roads back when we could have built them a lot more inexpensively and we had bonding power to do it, and some of us in here, Senator Warner, for example, and myself, tried actually to force previous administrations into using the limited bonding power that we had back then to build those roads which would now cost a third and a fourth of the cost and be paid for. That did not happen. Now if you have got a road building plan, by golly I am willing to work with you and listen, no matter what it is, whether it is additional gasoline taxes, whether it is a bonding system like they used in Ohio, and so on and so forth. But don't make a comedy of the lodging tax bill and make a pretense that somehow you are going to do anything on roads with a couple bucks out of here. That is not going to do anything for the tourist industry substantially, and it will destroy the lodging tax bill. I urge rejection of the amendment, and I urge Senator Dworak to get together with some of us and work to find some solution to the roads, what limited roads we have left up in northeast Nebraska anyway.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, I would certainly support this amendment. I believe that this measure should have come before the Revenue Committee to start with, because we do have a tremendous problem in the state now dealing with road funds, and to put a new tax on without directing it at one of our present problems I think is one of the biggest mistakes this Legislature can do. Our road funds are being depleted, and here we are putting another tax on, going to have a bunch of angry taxpayers and not really be able to tell them where they got one cent of good out of that tax. I would like to know how we in this Legislature are going to explain to a constituent how we voted for a new tax when they go into that motel room and they get caught with another three percent tax on top of that motel bill and say it went to a promotion theory, that they are not going to benefit a penny from. If we would shift this tax and say, look we shifted it over here and we took this three cent tax or three percent tax and we gave it to the road fund and we are giving you a little better roads in the state because of the fund, I think it would be easy to explain to your constituents. But how in the world you are going to explain to that person how you voted for a new tax, an additional three percent sales tax on the lodging, and at this time that person how you explain he gets any benefits from it as an individual? It is a tax that a very