

position but they just don't have the wherewithal among their own association to do it so you fellows go ahead and play clean-up...you do it for them, and do it in a year as Senator Burrows says, when people are on the edge of their seat on a tax revolt anyhow. I think that is excellent thinking. If we are going to do it, let's do it as Senator Vickers says, one of the things we all agree the cost of road improvement has gotten far beyond its revenues. If you want to increase something, for heaven's sakes increase that and let one cent offset the half million dollars we are already taking away from the people of the state in order to maintain SAC museum, in order to maintain the Old West...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: ...area, but don't let these people think that you are so naive and so gullible that you are simply going to tip over backwards and play dead. Let them scratch your stomach and pick the taxpayer's pocket. I think it is unfortunate.

PRESIDENT: Before we go on to the next speaker, the Chair would like to take this opportunity to introduce from Senator Sieck's District some twelve 8th Graders from the Benedict School, Benedict, Nebraska with Marcia Jones, their teacher. They are sitting up here in the north balcony. Would they stand and be recognized. Good morning, and welcome to your Legislature. The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I oppose the amendment for the same reasons as I opposed it before. In other words, it is merely an attempt to kill the bill. But let's talk about roads. Do Senator Murphy, or Senator Dworak, or Senator Burrows or Senator Vickers, do they have proposals in the Legislature this year, did they have them here last year, to address the crying need to solve our road problem? I don't recall it. Have we as a Legislature been talking about the disastrous conditions of our roads lately? I don't recall it. Have we taken the opportunities in the past to solve our road problem? No, and does this proposal, if you accepted it, in any way solve any road problem? Absolutely not. The road problem is a serious problem. It is going to take multi, multi, multi millions of dollars to solve it. It is going to take some up-front gut work by some people on this floor to pass the legislation to raise the money to do it, and Senator Murphy, that means tax money, whether it is gasoline tax or something else. Bring in your road proposal. Ask me to support it. I will