

help you all the way. You can barely drive on the roads up in northeast Nebraska. Highway 275 looks like the Mormon Trail a hundred years ago. So, sure, I want to do something about roads, but the roads and the road problem has not been solved precisely because of some of the very people that are now going to take a few dollars from tourism and developing the tourist industry and say, oh, now we are going to solve the road problem. Well, baloney, baloney, baloney...750,000 or a million bucks going to solve all the road problems. Don't kid yourselves. That won't even buy the planks on the Platte River bridge that Schmit wants to build to go to Bellevue or whatever. The bill is a legitimate bill and it is a tax bill. So we are not hiding that. We are saying about half the money will be paid by people from other states. We are paying it in other states. We are saying Nebraskans are going to be paying this tax to help the entire state, and for our farmer friends, including myself, it is not entirely unlike using the state as a mechanism for collecting wheat checkoffs, corn checkoffs, beef checkoffs, soybean checkoffs, potato checkoffs and every other doggone checkoff for promoting a particular industry. You use the state as a mechanism for setting the system up, and that is all we are doing here, and we are trying to make it very carefully protected and if you have additional recommendations on spending or budgeting controls, we can certainly take those up on Select File, and that is what Senator Fitzgerald intends to do and I am going to probably be supporting him on it. But the point is, this is nothing more than a very deliberate attempt to kill the bill. If the bill is bad, vote against it. If you believe it is bad, just say, hey, it is a bad bill, I am going to vote to kill it. But don't play this game about roads. That is just hogwash.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: All right, do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The motion is to cease debate on the Vickers amendment. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? I'll wait for those coming in...the motion is to cease debate on the Vickers amendment to LB 499. Senator Koch, I hate to suggest it but maybe that is the way to bring people in just...I will recognize Senator Koch...record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 8 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries, debate ceases. Senator Vickers,