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in coming years if I am concerned about a highway project I can amend the highway appropriation to deal with that. If Senator Chambers or Johnson are concerned about a highway project, a specific project, they could do that. I would rather do it as a broad public policy statement in a system of priorities but since the Legislature is going to become intimately involved in road approval and road projects, I think we will be arguing specific highway projects for years to come.

SENATOR MARESH: New construction, would this include changing from a two-lane to a four-lane highway?

SENATOR FOWLER: The intent is that new construction would not be an expansion of a road on its existing right of way but would be development of a road in a totally new right of way.

SENATOR MARESH: Thank you, Senator Fowler. I have an amendment, Senator Fowler, pending that would do the opposite. It would take it away from the Legislature and not trying to make us a super highway commission here. It would say in no way should we dictate to the Highway Commission as far as how the projects shall be scheduled. So I hope we can turn this down and then I hope the body allows me to amend the bill to say that we shall not dictate to the Highway Commission.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Just very briefly. Just as all roads led to Rome all roads lead to Omaha and Lincoln. This leaves outlying Nebraska with a certain amount of temerity in this proposition of priorities and like Senator Fowler I had once stated that my order of priorities is, I don't give a darn who comes second, but inasmuch as the roads are built in Lincoln, then reconstruction and maintenance certainly is a noteworthy cause, but where we do not have roads we would like to have a few. So I find a little bit of a problem with it. I realize that the delegation in Lincoln is aware that the sun rises in Waverly and sets in Capitol Beach, but there is a bunch of us outside Lincoln that don't share that concept. I would have to oppose Senator Fowler's motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis, your light is....excuse me. All right, read the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lewis amends to amend the