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CLERK: Well, Mr. President, Senator Maresh moves to amend the Fowler amendment to exclude the construction of Highway 103 north of Crete.

SENATOR MARESH: Since the amendment before it, I don't think I want to pursue it. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Is this the closing? Closing on the amendment. Is that correct, Senator Clark?

SENATOR CLARK: He said you had an amendment. I think we have Senator Hefner who wanted to talk on this.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose the Fowler amendment, and the reason I oppose it is because I think the State Highway Commission is doing a good job now and I think we ought to leave it where it is. If we adopt the Fowler amendment as I understand it, the Appropriations Committee will set the priorities, and when they advance that bill to General File then it would be up to this whole body to debate the issue and try to find out where to build these roads, and I think that it would just be complete chaos. So I would suggest to this body that we leave it the way it is and oppose the Fowler amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the House is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Let me start first with some of the comments that were made. To Senator Hefner, the system... the intent is that this is a system of priorities that we establish in statute that the Highway Commission uses as guidelines in developing the plan that they submit. In the absence of any sort of priority system in statute, it