

SENATOR NICHOL: The bill is advanced. We will advance to LB 233. Senator Schmit, are you handling that bill or, Senator Hefner? Senator Sieck.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 233 offered by ... I guess it is offered by Senator Marsh, Schmit, Hefner, Peterson and Sieck. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 16 last year, referred to Revenue for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are committee amendments pending by the Revenue Committee.

SENATOR NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Sieck. Senator Carsten, are you handling the committee amendments?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as was the original bill that was presented to the Revenue Committee, contained an \$8 million figure for highway bonds in 1981. The committee in its deliberations then adopted an amendment to the bill striking that 8 and making it \$4 million and for the bonds to be issued in 1982 was the second thing rather than 1981 and third, change the appropriations for the '82-'83 fiscal year for projects to begin in 1983. The other thing that the committee did do was strike the emergency clause. Those are the four things that were in the committee amendments and I would move for the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Hefner, did you wish to speak to the committee amendments? Senator Sieck, did you wish to speak to the committee amendments?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I noticed the original bill is for \$8 million and now the committee amendments that came out of the committee with \$4 million earmarked for bonding for highway construction. I just want the body to know that to build a mile of highway costs \$500,000. So if we are talking about \$4 million it is only going to build eight miles and I felt the body should know this and make their decision. I have no feeling about the amendment itself but I feel that if we really want to go into bonding and build highways, \$4 million isn't going to give us very much money to do this and we maybe should consider the \$8 million. But I'm not going to tell you how I stand. I want you to make up your own mind in this particular area. But I felt that you should know what it does cost to build a mile of highway and that is \$500,000. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Warner, did you wish to speak to the committee amendments? We're now voting on the committee amendments. All those...excuse me, Senator Carsten.