

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lundy.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. President, and members of the body, I rise again to talk on this subject. I surely support the indefinite postponing the advancement of LB 179. I think Senator Higgins has made a point which some of you might not have heard previously when she talked on the additional cost for cities and counties. So much has been said this morning about the State of Nebraska and its Department of Roads and what additional costs might be made relative to that. Well, I would suggest that that amount can be horrendous and I would also remind you, as Senator Higgins has, that this cost to cities and counties is likewise to those individual governments out there a real fat figure, and you start putting this kind of language into the statutes, then we will find ourselves delaying construction, we will find ourselves not being able to do as much as we have in the past because we will not have the funds to do it. It is going to cost a lot and I think that we should indefinitely postpone LB 179. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, then Senator Hall, then Senator Pappas after that. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, and members of the body, I am going to vote against the kill motion. I think that by the amendments that we have adopted that we have a reasonable bill now. I realize that we have problems from time to time. I negotiated several of those problems in my legislative district. I think we really need to be careful on how we treat some of these businesses and how we treat some of these towns and churches, communities, and once in a while the State Highway Department or the counties do get carried away. Sometimes I feel that they don't realize the problems that we are up against. A lot of these businesses have a lot of money invested and we need to try to help these communities out, these communities where these businesses are located in. I know in many instances I think that they could be doing two or three jobs at the same time. Like Senator Conway mentioned, they closed the road because they were repairing the bridge or building a new bridge. Now they are going to close it again to repair the road or build a new road. It looks to me like all of this could have been going at the same time, and to me that would have been reasonable. I feel it is unreasonable not to be doing these things. So I would urge you to oppose the kill motion