

the farmers, we are going to send 27 stumbling, fumbling, bumbling people to Washington, but when we talk about what may happen to an urban business person down the drain, it does not count. Different strokes for different folks. Unemployment, the possibility of losing your home, losing your livelihood, has no reality in this state until it impacts on white farmers. Now that they have a problem, the whole state must draw everything to a grinding, screeching halt and run off to Washington, waste time, waste money, give the appearance of doing something when they know nothing is going to be done. In this state we have a situation where an arrogant, unfeeling roads department can close people down on whim and create so many legal obstacles to taking it to court, having the full panoply of the state department of justice behind it so that the person who is involved can be crushed into the ground. Then we have senators on this floor saying, if you pass a bill like this or anything close to it, the cost is going to be too much to be borne. The cost to whom? To be borne by whom? I pay as much gas tax as anybody per gallon but I probably pay more than most people overall because of the amount of driving that I do. My gas tax will go to help refurbish roads. I am paying for some of this that they are talking about and when they use that abstraction "the taxpayer" they want to give the impression that any one of these projects is going to impact heavily enough upon one individual to determine how much money he or she is going to have for food, clothing and other necessities. The amount is not even recognizable and we don't consider when we make our budget how much we are going to have to pay because a road project will have to grant ingress and egress to a business which might be impacted by one of these projects. I think the bill has merit. Even if it has to be worked on, I don't think it ought to be killed at this point. And if we are going to talk about the cost and we are going to break it down into rural and urban, then after we give the farmers this shot in the arm of the 27 stumblers, then let's start talking rural-urban again. And if they need votes to set up some kind of situation through a constitutional amendment where the state can set up a farm bank to give loans to farmers who David Stockman said have made bad business judgments and now want to be bailed out, when the grocer cannot get the same consideration, that is what we will talk about. I think all of these matters need to be kept together. When we get a stew going, if we don't want the ingredients mixed in and stirred together, we should never have put them in