

already got, which is some leverage to make sure he can get into and out of his property. I am not wanting to buy businesses. I am not wanting to support businesses. I just want to get in and out of them and get it into law that that is one of the rules that they live by when they are putting their contracts together and negotiating with the contractor, and then only if it is reasonable. So Senator Nichol brings up the bridge. Well, if it is absolutely unreasonable because of cost or whatever, then you have got no problem. Under the average circumstance, I think it is being complied with probably today. I don't think we are talking about a penny of cost. We are talking about some responsibility of handling things right. Now, the key argument, as I heard it from Senator Sieck and others, is we are doing a good job today. You know the old story, if it is working, don't fix it. I am going to counter that, at least try to. I am going to ask you a question. Are you doing a good job today? And do any of the 49 other than two or three in here really know what is going on? Let me ask you a couple of questions. You don't have to answer them. Just think in your mind as I ask them. What is your gas tax? Do any of you know what the gas tax is? Do you know you are sitting at the highest gas tax in the United States, either one, two or three or four, depending upon what particular quarter it is? Do you know that we passed a bill giving complete abandonment of our control over gas tax long ago and I supported it and helped Senator Warner get it passed because I thought that was the only way we were going to get money for the roads? We gave that away. You have no control there. Let me ask you another question. How much are we spending on roads? What is the total amount? Is it a hundred million? Is it fifty million? Is it five hundred million? How many of the 49 of you know that one? You know why you don't? Because that has pretty well and effectively been taken completely out of your hands. Let me ask you another question. What is the first state to tear up their whole interstate because it was so lousily constructed? Or have to tear up great huge chunks of it? Which state? Yes, yes, yes, you are sitting there. If this thing is working so wonderful, how come we had every major contractor involved in bid rigging? If it is working so wonderful, how come you can't drive out in most parts of Nebraska without virtually destroying your automobile? I guess maybe what I am suggesting to you is maybe it isn't working so well and maybe you don't really know what is going on. Maybe you ought to bring control of a whole bunch of this back into