

the Legislature. Maybe you ought to be carefully reviewing the road budget. You are talking about almost as much as the whole state budget. I timed it the last three years. Go back and check the records. I don't know how much time we spent on Christian schools but it was a bunch. I don't know how much time we spent on a two or three thousand dollar item, but if you want to spend about seven hundred million in here, you can do it on an average of thirty-three seconds per year.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR DEKAMP: I guess I am telling you I am starting to look at the roads department, I am starting to look at our road construction. I am starting to look at the whole process. It is a multihundred billion dollar project every year and I think this Legislature long ago lost touch with it completely. If you don't review it, you don't know what is going on and that includes me and I am determined to find out. And along the way I found out one thing. I found out that maybe we have given too much control to the Department of Roads and we are not putting enough responsibility and burden on them to make sure that the average business out there is treated kind of half-way fair like they would in almost any other state and I am saying simply, make sure you can get into and out of your property and that is part of the agreement when you start building the roads. Maybe they need a little more watching and maybe we need a little more accountability. I urge you not to kill the bill and that is it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, rise to oppose the kill motion. When we constructed the L Street bridge or remodeled the L Street bridge and then constructed the F Street bridge in my district, we had the same problem. Many, many businesses were affected. Now there are plans in the offing to widen L Street from 42nd all the way down to, I think, I believe it is 72nd or 60th Street. When that happens, there are...and many of you have driven L Street, you know that the businesses are there one right after another. They will also be affected and they are already complaining what is going to happen to their businesses. These are businesses that are barely in existence now and struggling to hold onto their business and usually this