

SENATOR BEUTLER: Maybe we could ask the Speaker whether this would be a Speaker's priority bill or not.

SENATOR RUPP: That would be fine with me.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, as I understand it this is one of the essential provisions of LB 300, which is now on General File, which Senator Rupp represents as putting in jeopardy \$11 million or so of our federal...is it federal highway monies, Senator Rupp? What money is it?

SENATOR RUPP: Yes, it is...could potentially be a 25 percent loss of Nebraska's federal interstate funding annually, \$11.25 million for fiscal years '86 and '87 if this is not implemented this year.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I guess my question to you, Speaker Nichol, was whether this was one of the bills you intended to make a Speaker's priority or...

SPEAKER NICHOL: I'm sorry, I haven't been paying attention. What is the number of the bill?

SENATOR RUPP: LB 300.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, I have a reservation of one spot at least in my Speaker's priority bills for one or the other bills that have to do with 300. There are two of them, one is a resolution, one is a bill. So I do have at least one spot for that. Does that answer your question?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With that, I would recommend, Senator Rupp, that we just go the normal process, I think.

SENATOR RUPP: As long as we have some assurance that it will, in fact, be heard because we are talking about an awful lot of dollars here.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Chairperson, I was talking about Initiative 300, and I now understand you are talking bill 300?