

care of problems like this. Again, I ask this body not to advance LB 112 as we do not need a tax increase at this time. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck, please.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I want you to know that the counties outstate do need this money, even though Senator Haberman says they do not. There are many counties in the state that are running short of funds for bridges. If you go down to the southeast part of Nebraska in my area, you will find that there are problems. They are not being able to place the bridges as they need to and this is one way we can get some funds and I think it is proper to tax in this fashion. The individuals that are using the roads are going to pay for it and I think that is the way we must do. I know that the cities in my area are wanting to redo their streets and they need money and there is no way to get it. I don't think we should get it from property tax to do that. I think it is wrong. I think we should tax the user in this particular area. So I am going to support the bill. I have no qualms about it at all. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lundy, please.

SENATOR LUNDY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I must tell you that I support this bill. In answer to Senator Haberman's questions about slush funds and indicating that everybody in the country has a slush fund, let me advise you, Senator Haberman, that I don't know as they are called slush funds. There is required by the State of Nebraska in the budgetary processes that we must have reserves to take care of those peaks and valleys throughout the budget year when funds are not coming in to support the budget. I should also remind you and others, Senator Haberman, that there is one thing that we must keep in mind as we prepare budgets and attempt to prepare ourselves for the future in this state. When it comes to fixing bridges and streets and highways in the State of Nebraska, particularly in the counties and the cities, that there might not be...that there just might not be, Senator Haberman, any money coming from the federal government in the future that was called sharing, revenue sharing. You have heard of it and others have. I think it is going to be a thing of the past and I think we must prepare ourselves