

CLERK: 9 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Next, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Pappas, you had a second amendment, Senator.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, colleagues, seeing the outcome of the last amendment and seeing that the keeper of the state purse is here guarding with his colleague in front of him, the health insurance program of the State of Nebraska, I wish to withdraw the next amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you for your wise decision.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Hoagland. I understand Senator Hoagland wishes to withdraw.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson would move to amend. This amendment is on page 2204 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this is an amendment that the lobby has discussed with you at length. This is the one that would transfer one part of the highway patrol's budget from general funds to cash funds and this amendment would transfer about \$8.9 million of highway patrol funding to cash funds. Specifically, this amendment would have a part of the Nebraska Highway Patrol's budget financed from user fees. The user fees are the sales tax on motor vehicles. The user fees are the highway gasoline tax. The user fees are license fees. I believe the Pages are passing out a little memorandum that I had prepared by the Legislative Research Office on the Department of Roads. Now I suspect this amendment will be debated at some length. During the course of the debate I would hope that you would take a little bit of time to read the material that the Pages are passing out. How do I begin the discussion? I guess I'd begin by telling you why I offer this change. I've been here seven years and five of the seven years that I've been in the Nebraska Legislature I have been compelled