

Nebraska. This is a must. I can tell you that within my own area one of the highways that was scheduled to be improved was delayed because of lack of finances because of the high cost and because of the importance of working on the interstate and getting some of that work done and the tremendous cost that is involved. And I'm going to have to wait another two years before I'll get any funding in this particular area and it was a project that we worked on for many, many years and it is an important highway. It is a highway that goes clear across the nation north and south, up into Canada, clear down into South America so it's a very important highway. And if we want to get tourists and people to come into our state we need to have good roads. This is a way to increase our economy with the road improvements that we have. I can recall just a year ago that Senator DeCamp had a huge bond issue bill before the body to create work, to create work because the road improvement was needed and we didn't feel like we wanted to go in debt. Now we want to take some of that money away even, even though we had considered going into bonded indebtedness to get our highway work done. Now we're even considering taking some of it away and I have to oppose that. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, please.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have had the Pages pass out and place on your desk a one-page item which says at the top, "State Patrol Dollar Amount and Fund Source", and you'll see it says the first item up is Nebraska, and it says, FY-'84-85, and this is broken into three parts; \$9 million general fund command and support, and criminal investigation divisions, 8.5 million general funds road operations. I am proposing only that the road operation portion of the highway patrol come from user fees, come from the people who use the roads, that's all. Now go down your chart. Iowa, what does Iowa do? Well, its practice is exactly like Nebraska's currently is. Kansas, what does it do? Its practice is exactly like Nebraska's currently is. Colorado, what does it do? Well, Colorado funds the entire state patrol from user fees, not just the road operations portion, but the entire state patrol from user fees. Wyoming, what does it do? Well, Wyoming funds almost the entire state patrol from user fees, a small portion from the general fund. South Dakota, what does it do? Well, South Dakota, it's about...the lion's