

a "nice 4 percent reserve", that equates to \$32 million that we are going to have on hand, no additional motions should be approved. This is nothing more than a consciousness raising proposal on my part. It is my intent to let the people know just what little control, which is none in my opinion, the Legislature has over the Department of Roads, an enormous budget that is under their direction. I am not opposed to the Department of Roads. I think that they need to come to us just like every other agency, though, and justify their existence, especially the extent of their existence, and I am sure that if I continue my antics the Kennedy Freeway may remain unfinished for longer than it is proposed to be remained unfinished, and with that, I would give the balance of my time to Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I will just take a minute because Senator Labeledz wants to speak. Actually, Senator Hall, your youthfulness was well demonstrated here this afternoon because anyone with any amount of experience would have known you could never...you could never ever divert or tap into that Department of Roads Trust Fund. It is just not going to happen. That is the sacred cow of the State of Nebraska. It makes the University of Nebraska look like a bunch of amateurs. And I would just like to suggest this, go back to your own districts and take a good look around at the money which you think has been wasted, which you think ought to be rejustified. Go to this new director, this new highway engineer and ask him about it. I think you will find that it will be very difficult to actually support some of those projects. There is no, in my estimation, adequate oversight of the department. They spend millions of dollars, hundreds of millions of dollars, and with the exception of a little bit of time spent by the Appropriations Committee, no one looks at it and I challenge anyone on this floor to explain that budget and explain why they do the things they do. I commend you for your motion because I think it is way overdue. Senator Labeledz, you can have the balance of my time.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Schmit. I voted all morning consistently to sustain the Governor's veto. Had we at least put in a two cent gasoline tax, took one cent of that and put it in the General Fund, the other in the Department of Roads, and then transferred the State Patrol under the Department of Roads, there would have been according to Senator Johnson approximately \$18 million that I could have voted for in overrides. I totally agree with what Senator Hall said in regard to the Department of