

You know those farmers out there that live up and down my road that, by the way, don't even have any gravel on it, about ready to go broke, get a little tired of driving down highways and seeing the contractors out there getting fat also, going on just exactly like the economy was booming like it always has been or as it was in the past. And those same people, we're telling them we're about ready to close their schools and close their opportunities to get an education...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...and yet we're opposed to any cuts. Now that's the issue of LB 2. But the amendment, the amendment simply restates what I think is already there, that if you adopt LB 2, we're not going to automatically or put in a process to raise the gas tax rates. I would think that if Senator DeCamp is interested in not having tax chicanery, as he put it, you'd ought to vote for the amendment. I urge the adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, the motion before the body is the adoption of the Vickers amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote. Has everybody voted that wishes to vote? I'm about to record. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Let's just make a record vote.

SENATOR BEUTLER: A record vote has been requested. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read as found on page 52 of the Legislative Journal.) 8 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The amendment fails. Are there any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have no further amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, we're back on the bill then and, Senator Scofield, you're next in the speaking order.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body. Back to the bill. I oppose LB 2. It seems to me that the important things to be said about this bill have