

sales tax funds. They will not be as devastating on the Highway Department as some of our other cuts will be on our other services of government and so this is one way that we say, everyone has to share and I urge that you support LB 2E.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: I call the question.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote. Please vote. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Debate is ceased. We're back on the motion to advance the bill. Senator Johnson for closing.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, a few points. Number one, this bill is a part of the Governor's package to us and should be regarded as a part of the package. I'm of the opinion this bill could stand on its own, independent of a package because I happen to believe this bill is a just bill on a just cause. Senator Scofield spoke at some length about priorities. Very rarely does the Legislature have a chance to factor road allocation monies into its discussion of priorities because we spend our waning days session in and session out discussing a General Fund budget and in our discussions of a General Fund budget we determine the priority that funding for the University of Nebraska at Lincoln has in our value set and we determine the priority that funding for the Commission on the Status of Women has in our value set and we determine the priority that funding for the Department of Social Services has in our value set and we determine the priority that the funding of the Department of Corrections has in our value set and we determine the priority that the funding of aid to local subdivisions has in our value set, but we focus totally and exclusively on the General Fund appropriation and we don't factor into our waiting system the priority that roads has in our funding set. And the reason we don't do that is because back in 1969 a Legislature decided that it would earmark taxes for a special project, i.e., roads, and that earmarking has continued unabated since 1969, the effect of