

SPEAKER: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well I wish that the out-state fellows would listen to what we are trying to do. I think that it is... a...a...I have it right. Now as I recall and correct me where is Senator Mahoney, he sure dodged out of this one fast. Yes, I just wanted you to listen instead of preaching in the back room. I will say that you can't compete in no way with my minister, but...when you hold up your hand and start to cry for the TV's but anyhow, this amendment as I recall Senator Snyder and I'm going to ask you a question before I get wound up here. This amendment as I recall restricts the dime rides to age 32 or 62 for women and 65 for men? Right?

SENATOR SNYDER: As it is on the bill currently, yes.

SENATOR SYAS: Alright 62 for women and 65 for men. I'm going to make one repetition. Omaha we were told this would cost \$600,000. Now under the restricted plan, the state comes up and says that it is 65 and 62 and it will cost Omaha over \$200,000. The \$600,000 was based on 60 years and above. Now they are now riding for 20¢, and correct me if I am wrong but they can ride any time. Is that correct Senator Snyder?

SENATOR SNYDER: Yes.

SENATOR SYAS: They can ride any time for 20¢ and I have had a lot of them as I say a lot of elderly, say look, we like the 20¢ before a...a...because we can ride any time. Now this dime ride, only allows you to ride at some restricted times. That is a bad feature of it. Now, I notice that Senator Maresh the other day when it was this applied to the out-state Nebraska he was very much opposed to it because it cost money. I do not appreciate Senator Lewis how we spend their money because he doesn't have to pay this you see. He is not in Omaha and he doesn't have to pay the mil levy and things of that nature. So I assume that the people in Bellevue will hook a ride then for 10¢ even though they are non-residents in Omaha and Omaha will probably pick up the people from his area. You know that he is...it is very easy to stand up on this floor and be for some reason to try to say that you are helping the elderly. The people who are helping the elderly here, the way they have been calling me up is the people that will retain and give this authority to the local transit authority to do what they want to do with it.

SPEAKER: Is there anybody else now that wishes the floor on this? Some of you have left your lights on and I can't be certain. Please turn your lights off if you don't want to be recognized. Senator Moylan.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. President, members of the legislature I have a lot of elderly people in my district and the ones that I have heard from would prefer to have the system run as it is now when so that they can ride anytime of the day for the 20¢. As they argued they go to an appointment to the doctors very often they can not get out before 3:00 and never if they go to a doctor's appointment. So the majority that have contacted me, would prefer to have it remain as it is.

SPEAKER: Senator DeCamp did you want to speak on this subject or are you waiting. Senator Snyder is closing.