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SENATOR GEORGE: Yes, Mr. President. I do support Senator Haberman's amendment. I would have preferred to see that the proposal that Senator Maresh had that we take a little bit more time to study it. I would prefer if maybe we really want to totally redistribute the tax money as it is paid by the railroads that maybe we should consider something on a more equitable basis. As for instance, let's take all the money and put it in the equalization fund. That might be an equal way of redistributing that to our schools, but since we don't seem to have that kind of time, I think I have to support Senator Haberman's amendment. The bill not only takes away from Senator Haberman's western part of Nebraska, it takes it away from the eastern part of Nebraska just as well. We all know that this is a very nice bill for Boomtown, U.S.A., Alliance. They are getting \$56 million in that town by railroad construction and now Senator Cullan is putting the frosting on the cake. Let's also take a little bit more of the tax money away from the other counties and put it on top of it. A very nice bill, good for his district, bad for everybody else except, of course, North Platte. I expect Senator Rumery to vote for it. We all know what the bill is about. That is not the way to redistribute our money to the schools. I do oppose the bill but I have to support Senator Haberman's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I am in a kind of unusual situation. Usually when Senator Lamb and I both lose money on a bill, that doesn't occur very often. He either is gaining it all or I am losing it all or vice versa but I think that you have to have some way to distribute the money and we all can't be gainers on all bills or losers on all bills and I think that if we do the whole harmless clause here on every piece that comes down the pike in order to protect myself, then we are going to have to put that one on too. I would think if Senator Haberman wants a whole harmless clause, I would recommend we do that on all funding and all expenditures so that all of us don't lose but on a bill like this some of us are going to have to take it and some of us are going to have to get it and it looks like they are going to take it and I am going to get it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are going to have to stop debate because it is noon. Senator Hefner, would you like to recess us until....I am sorry, go ahead.

CLERK: Mr. President, new A bills, LB 260A. Title read. (See page 1136, Legislative Journal.)