

here's a problem, how can we work around it. But he has not done that. As far as I can tell all of his thinking has been strictly negative. I don't know how to deal with that. We've done the best we could. And as we have mentioned before, the equity there is greater than the investment, certainly no deal has been made. No deal may ever be made. But, nevertheless, it's a prudent way to try to stave off abandonment of a line that will have a negative effect, not only on that northern part of Nebraska, but the whole state. I hope you will pass this bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Moore, followed by Senators Wickersham and Chambers. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President, members, I hesitate to rise, but I simply feel it's my duty to do so. I hesitate because I know Senator Lamb and Senator Wickersham have put a lot of effort into this bill. I know it means a great deal to both of them personally. But, nevertheless, when any of us as legislators simply feel something is poor policy, regardless of the personalities involved, no matter how much we may not want to get involved, we simply must. From a policy standpoint on this issue, as I said on Select File, I think it's a policy road or track we should not go down. One bit of I guess good news, if you're Senator Lamb, an unspoken concern that I certainly had previously is that even the funding mechanism of this bill, of the Cash Reserve Fund, it had been my concern that, yes, the Governor would sign this, but I was of the opinion that by passing this we would jeopardize other things in the budget because the Governor would not be willing to sign the other, LB 857, the Cash Reserve Fund transfer bill that this body has already passed. On Friday night that bill did come back from the Governor signed. And so if, indeed, this bill is passed and the Governor signs it, you'll be hitting the cash reserve transfer \$5 million each year because of 857, then an additional 2 with LB 783. But the concern about it affecting 857 is moot now, because that bill has been signed. So I, as Senator Lamb mentioned, this does not jeopardize other things in the budget, and I guess, at least from my perspective at this point in time that may well be the case. But, nevertheless, my concern is not on the short-term, it continues to be on the long-term. I know that Senator Lamb and Senator Wickersham had mentioned that this would be \$5 million, all that would ever be asked for here. I