

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President and members. I would like to ask Senator Moore a question if he would answer.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Moore.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Senator Noore, the A bill for this bill is \$5 million to come from the reserve, and the Governor has already stated that we are already using too much money from the reserve, does this mean that if this bill would pass, that some more bills would have to be vetoed that are a part of the trailer bill or part of the main appropriation bill?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Senator Schellpeper, I cannot speak for the Governor, obviously. The only thing I can mention that the letter sent out to the body when we started debating the budget bills on General File, there was a mention of hitting the Cash Reserve Fund too hard. Now, originally, I may have thought had we passed this bill with the \$5 million transfer, that would have put a portion or all of LB 857 at risk, the transfer of \$10 million. That bill was passed by this body and signed by the Governor on Friday. So I, I mean, as far as if you pass this bill and, indeed, the Governor signs it, as he has said that he would, you would be hitting the Cash Reserve Fund for a total of \$15 million for the biennium then.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you. Well, I think even though I am very sympathetic to the railroad and I think it is probably something that needs to be looked at, I really have a hard time putting \$5 million, when we are already very strapped for funds, into purchasing this railroad. I just think we are going to have some other bills that are going to be vetoed because of this \$5 million, and I think some of them are very important also. We can't say that this is maybe more important than what they are, because we don't know what they are until we actually have the vetoes back here. So it is a very touchy subject how we handle this reconsideration, and how we vote on this bill because we are talking about a lot of state dollars. We are talking about \$5 million that is coming out of the reserve. So, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Madam President, probably only to further complicate the issue, and probably at the risk of sounding or