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Duis, you know, makes an excellent point. It is hard to say just exactly where...what is going to happen in the future, Senator Duis. The problem we have, and I think that I have to say for my own community of Omaha, that since we are not in the area of the main rail, the main coal traffic, Omaha will probably not benefit as much as presently it looks like we will benefit. However, Senator, I mean in the future. I think the sidetrack will still be there but what with the passage of LB 105 and some other things there will be some difference in ton mile traffic and so forth. Senator Duis, your district, however, is on the main coal line transportation area, is it not? Senator Duis, that was a question. Your area, your district, Gothenburg and other communities in your district are on the main coal line, coal traffic areas, are they not?

SENATOR DUIS: Yes, they are on a main line. They don't have the sidetrackage that they have in these other places.

SENATOR NEWELL: The reason I asked is that sidetrackage probably won't be the problem or won't change as significantly as what will happen with the updating of the ton mile traffic density patterns.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, we may not have a ton mile tax or whatever it is.

SENATOR NEWELL: No, no, no, I am saying for traffic density, right now they have a traffic density and those have not been updated for awhile. So the likelihood in your situation because of the passage of LB 105 as opposed to what Senator DeCamp is proposing or suggesting, your district will probably gain even more than they are gaining now because of the density factor that is factored in has not been updated in a number of years.

SENATOR DUIS: May I interrupt just a moment and say something to you. It is a peculiar thing then in the pattern that we have, I have towns that are just a matter of a few miles apart on that same main line and some are losing and some are gaining.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Senator Duis, maybe I ought to talk to you. It is a little more complicated than just something like this but those question that you asked are in fact maybe not necessarily...the changes, there will be changes not necessarily due to sidetrack but maybe more to the updating of the traffic density and I will explain that in greater detail. These are technical amendments. I think