

May 23, 1979

LB 42

I stood here and told you that I had several towns up there in the C&W line that are ready once this bill passes to start. They are. I know a couple other Senators that have been getting information from me that are trying to do the same thing. They want to get these going now this spring and summer. The fat part of the bill and I admit to Senator Cullan and I can see why he would have a few misgivings, his original bill has been gutted but it is a good bill and he has agreed with it all the way across and I admire him for going along with me on it. It is a heck of a bill now. Now what about the other part, the taxation part? That goes into effect if ever, if ever, July 1, 1980, and the railroads with their written statement in the record here, you remember, said, hey look, if you will delay that six months so that we can change it next session between now and the interim, we will come up with another method for us to pay. Fine, we haven't changed that one bit. That is sitting there, July 1, 1980, if they are telling us all the truth like I said before, if they are telling the truth, by golly, no problem. Next January they will come in with their proposal where they finally start paying for a little bit of this stuff but in the meantime we have got \$2,000,000 there. That is the other part of the bill and this makes it able to first of all, for the first time to be used effectively. So I am going to vote against the motion to lay over and hopefully it will fail and then I am going to vote for the bill and I hope the bill passes today. It is one heck of a major bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: I call for the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate on the motion to lay over will vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. Debate ceases. Senator Cullan, you may close.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the only thing that I didn't quite understand in Senator Schmit's speech is who the coward was. Maybe he could send me a letter and let me know but at any rate I would like to talk about the bill and I am very serious in my motion to ask the bill be bracketed and I am serious for a good number