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speak to the Kremer amendments? Senator Lewis, do you wish to speak now to the Kremer amendments?

SENATOR LEWIS: I have some questions.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Kremer, do you yield to questions? Okay.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Kremer....am I on?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes.

SENATOR LEWIS: Who said, unfortunately, yes? It is disrupting, Mr. Speaker, to look at Reutzel and Murphy and try to be logical but I am going to try. Senator Kremer, what is the state doing involved in paying anything in regard to this bill?

SENATOR KREMER: The only way the state could be involved is there will be an appropriation made by the state. It would go into a fund that is set up at the state level and it could be spent only for administrative purposes by the council or the regional council.

SENATOR LEWIS: Why would we have the state putting in any money at all if we are selling this on the basis of bonds and no commitment to the state or to the locality?

SENATOR KREMER: The original bill provided that the state could contribute some money, if federal funds were available. If there is an abandonment of a railroad, for example, or services are being cut back, the original bill provided the state could put some money into it as well as money that could be acquired from the passage of the Four R Act. Now the Public Works Committee felt that if there was any state money spent at all it could be only for administrative expenses.

SENATOR LEWIS: I thought...

SENATOR KREMER: Why, your question, but why should the state put anything in, why should the state put anything in anything else?

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, I guess I am trying to....

SENATOR KREMER: If transportation is important to the state, why shouldn't the state get involved? I guess that is my answer.