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systems have consistently been paid for that fifty percent operating loss throughout the entire tenure of the Nebraska Public Transportation Fund. Those systems who then are not being met at the bottom happen to be the urban systems. That amounts to in last year \$497,000 of unmet needs compared to what fully funding would be.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you. But my point is, LB 704 would set up the procedures under which rural areas could qualify for more transportation money but it was not advanced the other day. In fact there was a kill motion placed on it by an urban Senator. So I am asking why cannot LB 704 be advanced so that we can, rural areas can, in effect, take advantage of this fifty percent for which we are theoretically suppose to be eligible for but cannot be reimbursed because there is not the mechanisms there in those areas to provide the transportation systems?

SENATOR LANDIS: Fully fund the Nebraska Public Transportation Fund and I think there will be no problems with 704.

SENATOR LAMB: I would like to ask Senator...Senator Keyes, would you care to comment on this problem?

SENATOR KEYES: Well, as to why my good friend Senator Goodrich tried to kill the bill, I was not sure that day and I don't know. Glenn and I have not exactly talked it over but I hope it doesn't have anything to do with other bills on the floor of the Legislature. Now the second reason is that in rural Nebraska you have to have a sponsor for this transportation, senior citizens and so forth. Counties, cities have not seen fit to match the state funds. Now the bill that I have is simply going to state that any group of people may form some kind of a company, corporation or business and match those funds and then they will be available to the rural Nebraska and we hope we can use them all. If we can find the sponsoring agent, whether it is public or private, to sponsor the transportation, we will be able to use those funds, that is my understanding.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I would like to call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Shall debate cease? Have you all voted?

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