

state. There are a number of them throughout the state although currently the majority of the money is going to the Omaha and the Lincoln mass transportation systems, MAT and LTS. There are a variety of rural mass transportation systems that now presently qualify and will get that money. If this language is adopted, the end net political result will be to create a mechanism by which these kinds of organizations can eventually obtain Nebraska Public Transportation funds. It also is a way to allow counties and cities who don't want to pick up the tabs themselves or who don't want to undertake the project of transportation themselves can delegate that to a willing organization. The last effect, the last change of the committee amendments is found in the small white piece of paper, lines 25 through 5 and that exempts these kinds of vehicles from Public Service Commission scrutiny and you will find on your desk a double paged letter sent out by Senator Maresh. I am sure he will go through this, what he describes his reasons for the bill. But that is what the committee amendments do and I would urge their adoption. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh, do you wish to...do you have a motion?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I have a motion on the desk there.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to read the motion? It is the E clause, isn't it?

CLERK: Senator, is this an amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, please, an amendment to the committee amendments. My amendment adds the emergency clause to the bill. There is a need for this because according to federal regulations these units, those that are twenty passengers or less, will be coming under the Public Service Commission regulation and the senior citizens are really concerned because every time they would want to change a route or add a route, an additional route, they would have to go before the Public Service Commission and there is a \$50 fee to hold a hearing. So we want to get them out from under the Public Service Commission as soon as possible and I handed out this material where in Adams County, Senator Marvel's District, the Public Service Commission came and tried to stop the buses from operating. So I think we want to get the emergency clause on to get them from under the Public Service Commission immediately and not ninety days after the session ends.