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and Omaha and only about ten percent in rural Nebraska.

SENATOR COPE: Eighty-five, fifteen, I think?

SENATOR MARESH: Pardon.

SENATOR COPE: Wasn't it eighty-five, fifteen?

SENATOR MARESH: That is probably closer. I was told ninety-ten (interruption).

SENATOR COPE: I won't prolong this now but that raised quite an argument.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, Senator Warner, I am confused because, of course, I am confused anyway but I am not on the appropriations but I don't think we are ever going to have equality between urban-rural if this is what we are talking about but some of us have been talking and the point came out that simply because the rural wasn't using their federal money the metropolitan-primary cities were both getting that money and I was wondering if this is true. For example, Lincoln, I understand, bought nine \$110,000 buses and are going to buy thirteen more, ninety percent of which are federal money. Is this the same money we are talking about as we are talking about in this bill?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I asked Senator Warner a question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I am sorry I was talking. Senator Fowler said the question was whether or not any of these funds are used for acquisition of buses?

SENATOR NICHOL: No...yes, in a way.

SENATOR WARNER: No, none of this...this money is for operating costs. The money that is available for acquisition of certain buses is federal money. That is not really a part of this issue (interruption).

SENATOR NICHOL: We are not talking about, this money is not the same money as that for buying buses and so forth? Operation?