

upon the impact it will have upon his community. He is a former mayor of the City of Grand Island. I suggest that if Omaha were residing where Grand Island is at today, that Senator Newell would not be a supporter of this bill because he would recognize the adverse impact that it would have upon his community and I think that every single city which is dissected by a major railroad is going to have major property tax increases eventually because there will not be enough money from the train mile tax to build those overpasses. Senator Kilgarin will be an old lady before that is done clear across the State of Nebraska and I would suggest that by the time they get to Hemingford, Senator Cullan will be retired from the practice of law because it is not going to happen, ladies and gentlemen. There are not enough dollars there. You have not built enough dollars into the train mile tax to do the job that you are saying you are going to do. And we sit here like a bunch of dummies and we get pushed one way one year and the other way the next year and we think it is all going to come out all right. But it is not going to come out all right and when your local cities begin to ask you for an explanation, tell them that Johnny said it was going to be all right and I am sure they will understand. The facts are that by that time Senator DeCamp will probably have worked out a better method and I think he will. I have discussed with Senator DeCamp some of the alternatives we could work on in this bill but the facts are as Senator Haberman was lamenting, that we were not collecting any tax now for two years. What is the effective date of this bill, Senator Haberman? I believe the effective date is March 1, 1982. I think if you will take a look at the thing, you will recognize that a few communities are going to bear the burden. It is relatively easy for those of us who are not on a major line to sit back and say, well, we are going to get something out of the railroads. As I said earlier, I am not antirailroad. I would suggest that the \$21 per train that Senator DeCamp says will be assessed for travelling through the State of Nebraska is not going to have a major impact on the approximately seventy-five hundred tons of coal hauled by that train. I think it will be a negligible effect. I think the people who live in the east who will get that coal ought to expect to help our cities pay for those overpasses.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

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SENATOR SCHMIT: And that is how it will be. The railroads will not have to pay it. We know they have to pass it on. That is the only way business can survive is to pass the