

amendments is that it distributes the money fifty percent on miles of maintenance of main track and fifty percent on density, now main track and side track also. Now that difference from the present law that is based a hundred percent on traffic density. So the handout that you have on your desk, the two columns, the difference, the middle column proposed is the proposed in the bill, seventy and thirty, and the one clear on the right hand side column gives you the committee amendment impact of fifty-fifty. That, Mr. President, is the change in the percentage basis and I move for its adoption.

SENATOR CLARK: To the committee amendments, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I totally support the committee amendments. The committee amendments are the thing we pretty well agreed upon in the committee hearing. The original bill was worked out over a period of I guess about eight-ten months now, working with the Revenue Department, certain information from the various Senators' Districts involved and I certainly support the committee amendments and then we will deal with the bill itself.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I support the amendment as explained by Senator Carsten. I think it is a much fairer way of taxing the railroads and there is certain advantages of having a lot of railroad facilities in your county but without the side track and the track going through all of our counties, that facility could not exist. Many of the railroads have gone through on a diagonal through our farmlands over the state and, of course, they can't be changed now but I certainly believe that there is some handicap for having those railroads through a county and I think that they should be taxed accordingly. I believe this bill relates to that and I think it is a good approach and I hope everybody can live with it. There are some of our counties that actually are going to lose a little bit but I think all in all it is a fair bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker and members, during the summer I become pretty concerned about the railroad situation as a result of legislation that was passed by the Legislature here in the last couple of years and I then, as we moved through this year here, I made this bill, LB 486, my priority bill as a result of a lot of interest from my