

I think it is important to allow for some transportation if that is necessary, but we do have to really be very careful on how we draw the line in this regard. You see, the history of Nebraska, one of the hottest issues around the turn of the Century and until 1920 was the free pass system. The free pass system really was a system which the railroads provided free passes to legislators and in return for that some felt...some arguments were made, that was still back in the days when the United States Senators were chosen by the Legislature, some felt that the railroads had an undue influence on the Legislature and, in fact, chose the Burlington Northern Senator, that was the outstate Senator and the UP Senator, that was the Omaha Senator. I mean that is the old history of the division, the outstate and Omaha Senators that we still have today. We have Senator Zorinsky is the Omaha, or as tradition would say, not necessarily truly, but as tradition would have it, that is the UP Senate seat, and we have Senator Exon as tradition would call it in the old days and I am not trying to infer anything today, but that is the Burlington Northern Senate seat, and this whole system of free passes was much attacked and finally done away with. That was the first major political reform that the coalition of populace and one of the major political parties created. So I think that we have to be very careful that we are allowing in this amendment not a free pass system, not an opportunity to fly on Braniff and take Amtrack or the bus systems, but basically only allow for a very logical transportation or sharing the ride from point A to point B which if the persons are going that very same direction anyway because of our energy crisis I think there is some justification for that. But I think we must try very clearly to draw a distinction and I am going to look at this amendment to make sure it is close enough that we have such a distinction.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, it is a real important point. You saw the accountability letter this morning and essentially to be very honest even though I have been cleared by the Accountability Commission, we do have some beady-eyed people, the one behind me, apparently a bunch of you in here are technically criminal which I am sorry it's a shocking fact of life. I support the amendment completely and I will tell you why, while I support it but it's completely incorrect and we have to correct it first, and we are getting the correct version,