

the railroads, and it is only for a one year period of time. And I think at this point, given the similarities in the situation, the reimbursement situation is a little bit different here in terms of the counties having to pay this back rather than the way it was handled with the railroads. But this is an appropriate thing to do, it's the...it's...I think it gives the Governor the same set of choices in terms of funding levels that she had on 1091, which I believe was two years ago. And I think it's important that we take care of this and get these local governments, once again who are faced with this problem, over this hurdle. It is again, I guess it just points out the drastic circumstances that we are faced with with our whole personal property tax situation. We will hope that some of the things we did in special session alleviate some of those problems. But for right now, the only responsible thing we can really do, given the current state of affairs, is to support the Johnson amendment. And I'd urge you to add this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Carson Rogers, please, Senator Warner on deck.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President and members, regardless of whether this is constitutional or not, a question that Senator Schmit brought up, I happen to represent a district that never did have the advantage of the pipelines. And I guess the way I look at it is why should we help fund some of the counties that have had the advantage of the pipelines? We've never been able to realize any funds from them in the district I represent. So I cannot support the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before recognizing Senator Warner for further discussion, the Chair is pleased to note that Senator Langford has guests under our north balcony. From Kearney, Nebraska, we have Doctor Lou Ninegar and his wife, Beth. Dr. Ninegar is Chairman of the County Board in Buffalo County. Would you folks please stand. Thank you, we're glad to see you back with us. Also, Senator Johnson has 29 seniors from Harvard Public in Harvard, Nebraska, in our south balcony, with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you, we're pleased to have you with us this morning. Senator Warner, please, followed by Senators Nelson, Bernard-Stevens and Schmit.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, again I'd just rise to support the amendment. As it has been pointed out, the bill is the same