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are the bill, because they are not. Right now there is no funding in the bill at all.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, maybe I can, since you are limited on stating your druthers, I can state mine, for what it is worth.

SENATOR LAMB: All right, I'd like to hear them.

SENATOR MOORE: I guess, you know, I wouldn't be opposed to the state loaning someone the money to operate the railroad if the state was protected on the back end of that scrap iron. I don't think the bill right now says that.

SENATOR LAMB: That is correct, that is correct.

SENATOR MOORE: And, two, I don't know the bill as it states right now, I mean, you know if I vote yes on this bill, and I go out to my district tomorrow, everybody is going to say why in the name of God's green earth is the state going to get in the railroad business? And the state...and this bill kind of says we are going to do this, or at least we have some interest in doing that, would that be an unfair statement, Senator Lamb?

SENATOR LAMB: There has never been any proposal to have the state operating a railroad. There was funding in the original bill to buy the track, to buy the track, but not to operate the railroad.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, but owning the track may be in somebody's definition being in the railroad business, am I right, Senator Lamb?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, it could be.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay.

SENATOR LAMB: But that is not even in the bill at this point.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, no further questions.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there any further discussion on the motion to advance LB 783? Senator Wehrbein.