

Wickersham, who asked those of us in the body who may have been a little bit reluctant to look at the railroad bill that was brought in here earlier this year for the northern counties in Nebraska, to try to help save that line in some way, you asked us if we would support this bill, at least on General File, and maybe across the board, but at least on General File, so that we could see and you could see what kind of negotiations or what kind of agreements could be reached, and what kind of an expenditure of funds that we might be speaking of. And I guess I would say to you, and some of you have gotten up and asked us to IPP this bill, I would suggest to you that we should do the same for Senator Beutler's bill, that we should pass it. We should advance it from General File, let Senator Beutler and others work on the aspects of this bill that maybe troubles some people and see what kind of General Funds that we may be talking about down the road. We may not be talking about the same thing on Final Reading that we are talking about on General File. All I would ask is that you give this bill a chance and not indefinitely postpone it. Let Senator Beutler work on it. Let some of the others in this body work on it. And with that, Senator Beutler, if you have any reason to want the rest of my time, you would be most welcome.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler, would you like the rest of her time? You have about a minute and a half.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, I thank you. There are a couple of other people that would like to speak, Mr. Speaker, and I'd just as soon they go ahead.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. I am going to introduce some guests of the Legislature before we go any further. First of all, we have some guests of Senator Schrock. We have his parents, Sam and Eileen Schrock, and they are under the south balcony. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. And under the north balcony, we have some guests of Senator Kristensen. We have his sister-in-law, Deb, and his niece, Katerina. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thanks for being with us. The next speaker is Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. We will now proceed to vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor