

wholeheartedly to work towards that goal. Maybe after the vote today on redistricting, they may not. I don't know, they get that word. But I know one of our members in the city has ties up in the southern counties of South Dakota, who will benefit, has offered his services to go up into that area and talk to those counties to participate. And they have already talked to them, the shippers and everything. I attended a meeting at Neligh where there was a good turnout, and enthusiasm there from the shippers, the communities, and the counties is there. I can't see where we can lose by putting what money we are going to put in it, when the salvage value conservatively is 7.90...7 million, you can drop 900,000 off of that or less, and we can still come out on it. So I would ask that we urgently move this forward and I think it will be betterment for Nebraska down the road. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Does anyone else wish to speak to this amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Wickersham?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. Just briefly in closing to follow up a little bit on Senator Kristensen's questions about the rehabilitation funding. We have previously laid out a schematic that shows the sole input from the State of Nebraska to be the \$5 million for the purchase and acquisition of the line. The operating capital, the rehabilitation capital, would have to come from other sources. Now whether that comes from the operator, whether that comes from the shippers, whether that comes from somebody else, whether that comes from energy overcharge funds or whether that comes from a revolving fund, those aren't decisions that we need to make today. The only thing that we are asking in the amendment is to create the authorization, create the council, put in pact the mechanisms and the tools to engage in this, as has been said, an economic development project. With that I just urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. We will now vote on the Wickersham amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Wickersham and Senator Lamb's amendment.