

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Beutler, you're next. Senator Schmit. Senator Dierks, did you wish to speak to the amendment?

**SENATOR DIERKS:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, only briefly. Senator Crosby, I guess that I don't really feel that the state is getting into the railroad business. It's just not that way. We are providing the impetus for a private operator who is consisted...who is made up of owners of facilities along the line to operate this railroad. So we are not really getting in the railroad business. We have...if we invest this money, we will always have \$2.7 million more in salvage value than we have invested. It can be a bad investment. I think I look on it more as an economic development package and we're concerned about the entire north and northern and north central part of the state. So I just can't let that go unchallenged that the state is not getting into the railroad business. We're not going to be running a railroad. We're not going to be managing one. All we're trying to do is provide the impetus for citizens of our state to do this management on this operation. I just had to get that on the record. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Beutler, do you wish to close on your amendment?

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** Mr. Speaker, I assume if there were questions, they would have been asked and so I would just ask for the adoption of the amendment.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** We will now proceed to vote on the amendment offered by Senator Beutler. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** The amendment is adopted. The next item, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM2057, Mr. President. (The Beutler amendment appears on page 2540 of the Legislative Journal.)

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Beutler.