

are more efficient than trucks, savings on fuel, savings on pollution, the whole smear, are very real. We had a detour from Syracuse to Nebraska City. They ran the semis down from Syracuse to Tecumseh over to Auburn and up, and in one summer these semis completely destroyed that highway because that highway was not built for that sort of traffic, completely destroyed it. It is barely safe to travel now, in my estimation, and I travel it all the time. When there is rain on it, you are taking quite a chance to go across there. That is all there is to it. The road was not built for that. One summer, less than one summer of heavy truck traffic and they tore up the road, so the numbers they are quoting there are very real. They are very real, and it is hard to realize and it is awful hard for this Legislature to act on something like that because it is a long-term investment. We all know how hard it is for us to spend money on a long-term investment. It is not easy because we can't grab it and take it home and hold it in our hands and show it to our constituents. Look what I did last year, we put this much money into this project, and here is the results, right here, because it is hard to see, it is hard to tell. Now having said that, I have a lot of problems with the bill, part of those being the scrap value, and, Senator Wickersham, if you would answer a question, please? What was the original number you were looking at on scrap value?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Initially, I think the consultant estimated that the salvage value was near \$10 million. And that was also, that was an estimate also by C&NW. In fact, I think it was 9.2, if I remember correctly.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: And what caused the change? Did they explain the change from 9.2 down to 7 or 7.5, whatever we are looking at now?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Part of the change is due simply to a decline in the value of scrap steel and part of it is due to a change in the evaluation of the salvage value and the cost of salvaging bridges.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay, how many bridges approximately on this line, do you know?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I am sorry, I can't say.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: That is okay, that is no big deal. Thank