

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you. I appreciate that, and 5 million with interest, that we get back \$6 million if the salvage value is 7.9 or 10 million. I can come a little closer of supporting at that, but I certainly know from past experience, they have a real history of letting these lines run down to where it is a tremendous amount of money to fix them up again.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Do we have sufficient seconds? The question is, shall we cease debate? All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Motion fails. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, and, Senator Wickersham, you were expecting this. I think I'll look at this as Senator Wicker's sham. I can understand why he is doing this because it is his area and we all might try to do a similar thing. But if you consider all that has been said here, this is a chimera. This is a will-o'-the-wisp. The will-o'-the-wisp is that appearance in a swamp of a light. There is a phosphorescence that develops in a swamp and people think they see a light, and they follow it and follow it and they never reach it, and they get deeper and deeper into the swamp. They get lost. Sometimes they step into quicksand. They are never seen or heard from again. That is what we are pursuing with this scheme, a will-o'-the-wisp. There is no reality here, nothing of substance. There are hopes. There are hunches. There are prayers. But we know that if this were our own money, we would not invest it in anything of this nature. It is whimsical. It is not practical. If we were talking about betting on a sporting event, we would want better odds than what we are getting here. So at a time when there is concern about the state's budget, now, Senator Wickersham, I supported the money to go out there to help in the disaster situation because that was a justified expenditure. This is not. It is aimed to help a few people. I think it is a