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SENATOR CHAMBERS: So what would it cost to bring all of that up to par?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Something over \$10 million in the next five years.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And while this money is being spent over this period of time,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...what condition will the line be in? Is it operable?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Safely?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: At certain speeds, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Or is it unsafe at any speed?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: My time is running out so I won't ask you any more questions, but, members of the Legislature, every time you ask a question about some aspect of this line, you see a reason for a red flag to go up and say, don't do this thing. I am not going to do it. I doubt that anything I have said has been persuasive to anybody in terms of getting them not to vote yes if they intended to do so. But I want my concerns in the record as clearly as I can possibly put them there, because if this is done, it is going to come back to haunt the Legislature. And for that reason, when we get ready to vote on this, I am asking for a roll call vote so that we are all on record, right across the board, and with the discussion having just been undertaken, nobody can say they had forgotten or didn't understand what it was that was being voted on.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I continue to be somewhat surprised by these arguments that somehow we are pursuing the will-o'-the-wisp. In fact, it is quite the