

Everyone thought he was crazy. He may have been, but he was crazy like a fox. It was a very good investment for the State of South Dakota. It has served an area not unlike what we are trying to serve here, and we can either make a small contribution investment here or else we will be called upon, as has been pointed out again by Senator Morrissey, to make a far greater investment, and not just in transportation services, but in other areas also. And I would expect that the revenues will decline if the services are not provided. We talk a lot about providing the services. We passed a bill this morning on Final Reading, I didn't vote for it, which allows local governments to impose a tax upon their people for economic development.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Strange, indeed, that we would do that and say we are going to spend property tax dollars for economic development, we are going to give the cities and areas the opportunity to tax themselves to bring industry, when we would, on the very same day, say that we are not going to make it possible for those areas to be served by a decent sort of transportation service. I think that competitive forms of transportation are very important. Many of us have operated trucks and will continue to do so, but once the railroad is gone, ladies and gentlemen, you will see a distinct increase in the cost of service to those areas by truck, and we have seen it happen in the past, we will see it again in the future. So I am a little bit like Senator Morrissey, I am not sure exactly how I am going to go along with this in the long run. I think I am going to go all the way.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And I certainly want to see it advance to Select File.

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

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Are there sufficient seconds? Okay, the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: If I could to save time, we know where everybody