

abandonment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then why do we have to obligate \$5 million if Pressler and Exxon can derail the abandonment proceedings?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Chambers, if there is an alternative presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission, as opposed to abandonment or continued operation of the line, if there is that third alternative that the line can be acquired by the State of Nebraska for \$5 million, I think that proposal has a chance of succeeding within the context of that abandonment proceeding.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you saying then if the only alternatives presented to the ICC are abandonment or continued operation, then abandonment is likely to be granted?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I would say that it is more likely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So that would mean that it's not deemed by the ICC to be in the railroad's best interest to continue operating?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Not a Class 1 railroad. And we had a brief discussion of that in the way the Class 1 railroads operate differently than short-line operators and...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...and you have to...okay.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Are there sufficient seconds? Okay, we have a motion to call the question. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on a motion to call the question. Have you all voted? Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Madam President, as much as I hate to do this, I think we're going to have to have everybody here anyway so I will ask for a call of the house and I will take call in votes.