

simply...not that I do not respect and trust their opinions, I just...my brief experience here in the Legislature, five years as a Senator, and six years prior to that, and that's brief compared to the likes of Senator Schmit and Senator Warner, I just...maybe it's just the old gut instinct that tells you, if we go down this track it going to cost a whole lot more than \$5 million. And as Senator Lamb mentioned, maybe that is a what-if. But I guess it's a what-if that I simply have to cast my vote on. One final concern that is no fault of the introducers or the sponsor, but in Senator Beutler's amendment on Select File in which he changed the repayment, the bill as originally drafted in that it transferred 3 million this year, and 2 million next year, out of the Cash Reserve Fund, and repaid that next year...the next biennium, 3 and 2, to bring that Cash Reserve Fund back to at least whole in relation to LB 783. Senator Beutler's amendment struck the provisions that repaid the Cash Reserve Fund, in the next biennium, with General Fund dollars. His amendment basically says that by the year 2006 the entity that is repaying this, whomever it is, must repay it back to the General Fund. And then when the General Fund was reimbursed, it would repay the Cash Reserve Fund. So what I'm saying is this, if you...the \$5 million from 783 may not be replenished in the Cash Reserve Fund until the year 2006. And I guess, like I said, that is not the fault of the sponsors. But I know Senator Beutler is concerned about General Fund dollars. My concern the way it is drafted now that it...you know, it's only 5 of 30 some that's supposed to be in the Cash Reserve Fund, but it is 5 that will not be replenished. I think the more prudent course is the way the bill was originally drafted, that took the money out this biennium and put it back in next biennium, then eventually repaid by the General Fund. But that's neither here nor there. Those are minor details. The major reason I rise to oppose this bill, even though I have a great deal of...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...desire and sympathy for the people along this northern route in Nebraska, I think it's a path, a rail, a track that is going to cost us a whole lot more than \$5 million. I've been unable to generate facts on that, to "factuate" that, that's nothing other than my opinion. And yes, Senator Lamb, it is a what-if, but unfortunately for you, I guess, it's a what-if that I'm going to base my vote on the advancement of this bill.