

Senator Morrissey, it ruins the process. There is no process. We don't need the bill if we don't have the funding. See what the railroad is going to say, you people were not sincere, you're not putting up any money. No, it's nothing, it's a sham on your part. So, you know, there's no need to have the bill, if we don't have the funding. And if you wait until next January for the funding that's too late. Abandonment will have been well underway by that time, so there is no point in it. Anybody that votes for the bill and then does not vote for the funding is not doing a thing, because the bill does not mean a thing without funding. It is absolutely unthinkable that it could work. You know, I know there's a person out there, behind the glass, that's been busy working this morning saying bracket the bill. And you and I know who it is. But, you know, there is no...there is no reason, there is no reason behind his argument that to bracket the bill will bring the railroad to its knees, it will be just exactly the opposite. The railroad would say, well, we're sure off the hook now, there's no reason for the State of Nebraska to oppose abandonment, no reason for the Governor to oppose abandonment, there's no reason for Congressman Barrett to oppose abandonment, because the State of Nebraska is not sincere, it's just as simple as that. And that's exactly the way it is.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. The speaking order now is Senator Chambers, Lamb, Moore, Lynch, Nelson, and Morrissey. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Lamb said without the money you don't need the bill. Senator Lamb, you can't make the railroad negotiate. The railroad is not negotiating, I want to emphasize that. There are no negotiations going on now, none. There is nothing Senator Lamb, and Senator Wickersham, Senator Pressler, Senator Exon, Congressman Barrett, nothing they can do to make the railroad negotiate. If the railroad would negotiate, they can't force the railroad to sell. This is America, free enterprise, government is going to come into a business and say you've got to sell this to the State of Nebraska for \$5 million, no. How they going to make the railroad negotiate? Why should the railroad negotiate, if, should negotiations start again, the state is going to ask for more from the railroad than they had asked for in the first place without offering more money. In no other set of circumstances could this Legislature be prevailed on to accept a deal like that. One of the senators, I hope he